



FREE BIRD!



**Twitter backs
down, finally
unlocks Post
account after
Biden ban**

Twitter unlocked The Post's account Friday night, admitting that none of the paper's reporting about Hunter Biden's laptop and e-mails about his father were in violation of the social media giant's rules.

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A 'Tiger King' evil spirit

The dark side of "Tiger King" just got even more sinister.

The star of the TV show "Ghost Adventures" says he investigated Joe Exotic's former zoo — and found the restless ghost of his tragic late husband, according to a report.

Zak Bagans, who hosts the paranormal detectives series, told "Entertainment Tonight" he encountered the spirit of Travis Maldonado, who died of an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound on the property, as told in the hit Netflix series.

During a spooky investigation of the former Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park, a tracking tool led ghost hunters to a phantom-like figure that revealed a startling discovery, he said.

"We captured a figure on a device that we use . . . and this figure was pointing at something in a closet. That directed us to go look in that closet. And when we looked on the top shelf we found an item that belonged to Travis," Bagans said.

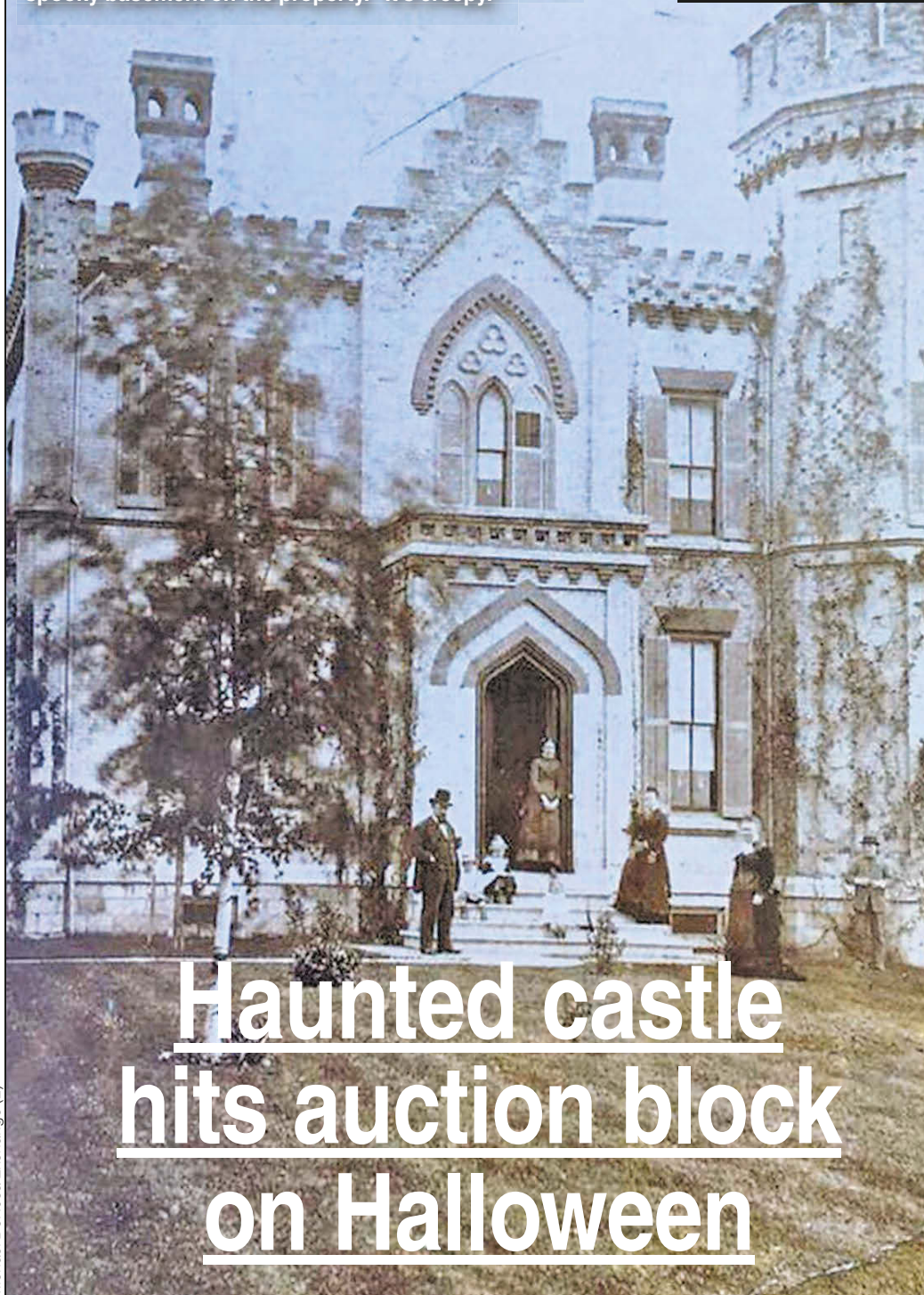
Bagans said he believes Maldonado — who suffered from drug addiction before his death at age 23 — has unfinished business.

"Travis was not ready to leave this earth. He was not ready. This was an accident, and he still cares about a lot of the people that were there, and he wants to speak. He wants to convey messages," Bagans said.

While he was there, an overall frightening "energy" swirled around the zoo, he said. *Natalie O'Neill, Wires*

ROOM TO SCARE

DEVILISH DEAL! "The hair on my neck stands up, and I get freaked out. I feel cold whenever I'm down there," castle owner Patrick Connelly said, referring to an especially spooky basement on the property. "It's creepy."



Haunted castle hits auction block on Halloween

By HANNAH FRISHBERG
and DOREE LEWAK

At the stroke of midnight on Halloween, the gavel will fall on a haunted castle upstate. The starting bid: just \$25,000.

That sounds like a steal for an approximately 7,000-square-foot mansion in the Finger Lakes that features three stories (including an extremely spooky basement), four fireplaces, a separate carriage house, a turret, stained glass and so many bedrooms the listing simply advises aspiring nobility to "see floor plan." But also included? Ghosts.

"There's activity there, 100 percent," paranormal investigator and founder of the ghost-hunter group Soul Searchers Shawn DiBello told The Post. "We got everything from noises to figures on our SLS Kinect camera — a camera that can see what the human eye can't see."

In 1871, stockholders of an Auburn, NY, mill spent \$7,000 to build the castle in a style reminiscent of a Scotch manor for mill manager and Scotsman Samuel Laurie. Years later, Laurie's wife, Jeanie McAllister, tragically died in the building. In August 1890, she succumbed to a prolonged case of "the grippe," an archaic term for influenza. Her funeral was held in the castle. Some say that her spirit never left. The couple had 10 children and only one son survived.

Three years later, the Panic of 1893 decimated Laurie's mill interests, and he was forced to sell the property. Soon after, his health began failing, and within two years, he had died of Bright's disease.

With psychic Suzanne Updyke, DiBello connected with spectral children in the garage — a former carriage house.

Owner Patrick Connelly has enjoyed being a local celebrity since he bought the castle at 45 Owasco St. five years ago. But he decided to put the fixer-upper on the market with broker Michael DeRosa. Bids are accepted online and from anywhere in the world up until "just before midnight" on Oct. 31, DeRosa said.

"Whether I'm at the diner or the pub, it's always the same thing: 'This is the guy who owns the castle!'" Connelly told The Post. The 55-year-old said he pretty much knows how the conversation will go.

"The first thing they ask, 'Is it haunted?'" said Connelly, who always answers in the affirmative. "I thought the spirits were friendly to me. I don't think they have harm in mind — they just want to let us know they're there."

A few months ago, while he was up in the attic with a small group taking pictures, a poof of dust appeared out of an old wicker baby carriage.

"We all stepped back and asked each other, 'Did you see that?'" said Connelly, who noted a few especially spooky spots around the property. The carriage house, which Connelly said is older than the castle itself, revealed a "charged spot" in the basement that's a constant trigger.

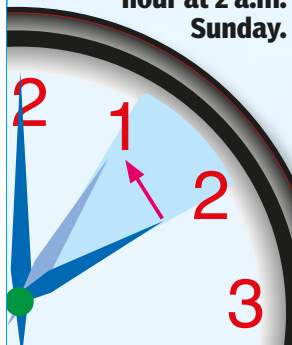
"The hair on my neck stands up, and I get freaked out. I feel cold whenever I'm down there," he said. "It's creepy."

Another time, a friend was over with his back toward the closet and said to Connelly, "Well, I don't believe in ghosts," then the door suddenly popped open and hit his friend on the head.

"Then he changed his tune, 'I do believe!'" the castle owner said.

Fall back

Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.



Michael DeRosa Exchange (2)

THE BIDEN FILES

VICTORY IS TWEET

Press gives Joe a pass, journo says

By BRUCE GOLDING

Most of the mainstream news media has been “concocting excuses” to ignore The Post’s exposés about Hunter Biden’s e-mails, which justify hard questions for Joe Biden, says award-winning journalist Glenn Greenwald.

In a 6,000-word draft of the article that led him to resign from The Intercept, Greenwald also blamed the lack of coverage on widespread antipathy for President Trump among reporters and editors.

“The reality is the US press has been planning for this moment for four years — cooking up justifications for refusing to report on newsworthy material that might help Donald Trump get re-elected,” he wrote in the draft piece, which he self-published on the Substack Web site.

“One major factor is the undeniable truth that journalists with national outlets based in New York, Washington and West Coast cities overwhelmingly not just favor Joe Biden but are desperate to see Donald Trump defeated.”

In a separate Substack post, Greenwald said he chose to self-publish after editors at The Intercept — which he co-founded in 2014 — “censored

an article I wrote this week, refusing to publish it unless I remove all sections critical of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, the candidate vehemently supported by all New York-based Intercept editors involved in this effort at suppression.”

Greenwald titled his article “THE REAL SCANDAL: US MEDIA USES FALSEHOODS TO DEFEND JOE BIDEN FROM HUNTER’S E-MAILS.”

In it, he said The Post’s exclusives and other subsequent articles “provoked extraordinary efforts by a de facto union of media outlets, Silicon Valley giants and the intelligence community to suppress these stories.”

“One outcome is that the Biden campaign concluded, rationally, that there is no need for the front-running presidential candidate to address even the most basic and relevant questions raised by these materials,” he wrote.

“Rather than condemn Biden for ignoring these questions — the natural instinct of a healthy press when it comes to a presidential election — journalists have instead led the way in concocting excuses to justify his silence.”

Greenwald — who helped The Guardian US win the 2014



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— Glenn Greenwald (left), on media’s refusal to question Joe Biden over son Hunter’s e-mails

Pulitzer by working with whistleblower Edward Snowden to expose secret surveillance by the National Security Agency — said the questions raised by Hunter Biden’s e-mails and other documents “are as glaring as they are important.”

Greenwald also published an e-mail that he said he sent the Biden campaign with nine questions “about these documents that the public has the absolute right to know.”

They included: “Are any specific e-mails published by the New York Post purportedly either to or from Hunter Biden, or which reference Vice President Biden, fabricated or fraudulently altered?

If so, which ones? Has Vice President Biden discussed with Hunter whether these e-mails are authentic?”

“Though the Biden campaign indicated that they would respond to the Intercept’s questions, they have not done so,” he wrote in his draft article.

“A statement they released to other outlets contains no answers to any of these questions except to claim that Biden ‘has never even considered being involved in business with his family, nor in any business overseas.’”

In response to his resignation Thursday, Intercept Editor in Chief Betsy Reed wrote on

the news site that Greenwald “believes that anyone who disagrees with him is corrupt, and anyone who presumes to edit his words is a censor.”

“The narrative Glenn presents about his departure is teeming with distortions and inaccuracies — all of them designed to make him appear as a victim, rather than a grown person throwing a tantrum,” she wrote.

“While he accuses us of political bias, it was he who was attempting to recycle the dubious claims of a political campaign — the Trump campaign — and launder them as journalism.”

The Biden campaign didn’t return a request for comment.

AFP via Getty Images; AP (inset)

THE BIDEN FILES

FOR THE NY POST

Twitter lifts its lockdown after 2-wk. standoff

By BRUCE GOLDING

Twitter backed down on Friday in its battle with The Post and unlocked the tabloid's main account after a two-week stalemate over its Hunter Biden exposés.

The move came after The Post refused Twitter's demand that it delete six tweets that linked to stories that the company claimed — without any evidence — were based on hacked information.

The Post never budged and kept the tweets on the account during the standoff — even as Twitter obscured them from view.

In a series of tweets, the social-media giant said it was revising its “hacked materials policy” and “updating our practice of not retroactively overturning prior enforcement.”

“Our policies are living documents,” said one of the tweets from @TwitterSafety.

“We’re willing to update and adjust them when we encounter new scenarios or receive important feedback from the public.”

The Post immediately celebrated the victory by tweeting, “We’re baaaaaack,” with a link to an online report about Twitter’s abrupt about-face.

Twitter arbitrarily cracked down on The Post and locked its account on Oct. 14. The company claimed The Post had violated its policy on sharing “hacked materials” when it tweeted links to its exclusive stories on Biden’s e-mails.

Twitter never said how it came to that conclusion. Neither Hunter Biden nor anyone else has claimed his e-mails were hacked.

Twitter’s lockdown sparked widespread outrage that led it to revise its policy so other users could tweet links to the stories.

But it continued to hold The Post’s account hostage, demanding the six

tweets about The Post’s own reporting be deleted. They never were.

“While we’ve updated the policy, we don’t change enforcement retroactively. You will still need to delete the tweets to regain access to your account,” a Twitter rep told The Post on Oct. 16.

Twitter also made the six tweets invisible by replacing them with messages saying, “This Tweet is no longer available.”

On Friday, the company said that under its latest policy revision, “Decisions made under policies that are subsequently changed & published can now be appealed if the account at issue is a driver of that change.

“We believe this is fair and appropriate.

“This means that because a specific @nypost enforcement led us to update the Hacked Materials Policy,

we will no longer restrict their account under the terms of the previous policy and they can now Tweet again.”

News Corp, the parent company of The Post, called the move “an important moment for journalism and for the freedom of the press.”

“There is no evidence whatsoever that the documents are not authentic, and the arbitrary blocking of The Post was a significant moment during a critical time in this election season,” News Corp Chief Communications Officer Jim Kennedy said in a statement.

“It also had a negative commercial impact, but The Post team was determined that principle should prevail and it has.

“Alexander Hamilton, the paper’s founder, looks down tonight with a broad smile and a sense of pride.”

Earlier Friday, data posted by Blaze Media CEO Tyler Cardon showed Twitter’s efforts to punish The Post had actually boosted the number of people following the news outlet’s main account.



“According to Social Blade, they’ve gained 189,395 new Twitter followers, which represents a 10.6% increase in followers over a two week period with zero posts. . . . You love to see it,” Cardon tweeted, citing a social-media analysis site.

Twitter’s reversal with The Post followed a problematic appearance by Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey (inset) before a Senate committee Wednesday.

Dorsey denied an accusation by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) that “you’re still blocking their posts.”

“We’re not blocking The Post, any-

one can tweet these articles,” Dorsey testified.

But a spokeswoman for President Trump’s campaign posted a video that showed she was prevented from tweeting out a link to an Oct. 15 Post report about a 2017 business plan involving Hunter Biden.

The ban on that story was lifted two hours after Dorsey’s remark, with Twitter claiming it was the result of a technical glitch.

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Dem in Congress vouches for ‘Bob’

A prominent Democratic congressman on Friday sent an e-mail of support to Hunter Biden’s ex-business partner Tony Bobulinski, telling him he would defend him against slander in the media.

The e-mail from California Rep. Ro Khanna, a former Obama administration official and co-chair of Sen. Bernie Sanders’ presidential campaign, follows Bobulinski’s bombshell claims that he met Joe Biden and that the former vice president was involved in his son Hunter Biden’s shady overseas deals, first revealed by The Post.

“Tony, hope you are doing okay,” Khanna wrote in a Friday morning e-mail obtained by Fox News.

“I did give an on the record statement to The NY Times that I know you, you have always acted honorably with me, and you and other family members supported me,” he went on.

Records show that Bobulinski (inset), a former US Navy officer, has donated \$21,400 to Khanna since 2013.

Khanna told the businessman that he “refused to comment on the details of your allegations because I don’t have personal knowledge about that, but have said I respect your service to our country and that you have never been a ‘partisan hack’ in our interactions.”

Ebony Bowden



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Gov punt\$ until after election

Gov. Cuomo is pushing off tough financial decisions until after the 2020 election — and has not released blueprints for a plan B if federal funding doesn't come through to help New York recover from its pandemic-fueled fiscal crisis.

The state Division of the Budget issued a mid-year budget report Friday that avoids addressing massive funding gaps as the governor waits to see if his pal, former Vice President Joe Biden, is elected president and Democrats take

control of the US Senate.

The report notes that no agreement has been reached in Congress on providing a recovery package to aid cash-strapped state and local governments.

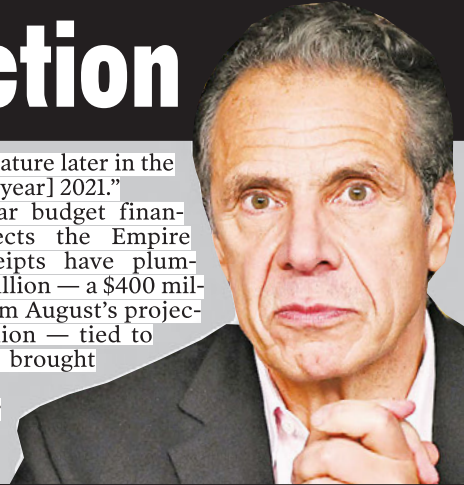
“While the US Congress has begun discussions on additional recovery legislation, no agreement has been reached as of the date of this update,” the report notes.

“Therefore,” it says, “DOB [Division of the Budget] now expects to transmit a detailed aid-to-localities reduction

plan to the Legislature later in the State’s FY [fiscal year] 2021.”

DOB’s mid-year budget financial plan projects the Empire State’s tax receipts have plummeted by \$14.9 billion — a \$400 million increase from August’s projection of \$14.5 billion — tied to revenue losses brought on by COVID-19.

Carl Campanile
and Bernadette
Hogan



Poll position: SI tops state for early voting

By CARL CAMPANILE

Fired-up Staten Island residents have turned out in droves to vote early in this year’s election.

More than one in five eligible voters in Richmond County — or 21.58 percent — have already cast a ballot during the first six days of in-person early voting.

That’s the highest turnout rate of any county in New York state, according to an analysis by the state Board of Elections.

Sources said the high turnout on Staten Island was driven by the fierce House race between first-term Democratic incumbent Rep. Max Rose and Republican Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, a former mayoral candidate.

A recent poll showed the race for the 11th Congressional District — which includes part of southern Brooklyn as well as all of Staten Island — was a virtual dead heat.

By comparison, about 14 percent of Brooklyn voters cast ballots at early-voting sites through Thursday, followed by 14 percent in



NO. 1 WITH A BALLOT:
The hotly contested House race between Rep. Max Rose and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis has helped drive up early-voter turnout on Staten Island.

Manhattan, 11.7 percent in Queens and 11.6 percent in The Bronx.

Statewide, 12.7 percent of eligible voters have turned out.

More than 700,000 New York City residents have cast ballots at the early-voting sites so far. Early voting continues through Sunday before Election Day Tuesday.

The second-highest turnout rate in the state was in upstate Erie County, where 18 percent of eligi-

ble voters have turned out.

Both the Malliotakis and Rose campaigns saw the high number of early voters as a good sign.

“We’re confident that many of those voters are voting for Nicole Malliotakis,” said Malliotakis campaign spokesman Rob Ryan.

Ryan said a vast majority of Republican voters in the district indicated they would vote early in-person or on Election Day instead

of mailing in absentee ballots.

And Rose campaign spokesman Jonas Edward-Jenks said: “We’re seeing high turnout across the district. It’s going to be a high-turnout election.”

More than 1 million voters in the city requested absentee ballots. It’s expected that most of the voters will mail in their ballots.

When all is said and done, more than half of all ballots could be cast before Election Day.

Early voting in the city has been marred by hourslong lines after the city Board of Elections underestimated turnout, leaving poll sites with a shortage of check-in pads, ballot printers and ballot scanners to process voters.

The board has expanded hours this weekend to better handle the flood of voters. It has also added a voting site at Marymount Manhattan College on the Upper East Side to relieve long lines at the nearby Robert Wagner Middle School polling place, which has 120,000 voters assigned to it — more than any other site in the city.

Hot-spot schools can reopen, with safeguards

Gov. Cuomo on Friday approved the reopening of city schools in COVID-19 hot spots if they implement new testing safeguards.

Schools in red zones were ordered closed four weeks ago to protect against flare-ups, while those in yellow regions had to increase testing.

Cuomo said that the schools will have to screen teachers and students

prior to resuming classroom activity and conduct weekly screenings of 25 percent of students after that.

“Public schools want to be open in the red and the orange zones, and we’ve been working with them to try to find ways to keep people safe but allow children to go to school,” he said. “We have an agreement with them on a protocol that I think

keeps people safe and allows children to be educated.”

Schools will close if they have nine or more positive cases and students will transition to remote learning, Cuomo said on a conference call. He added that city school buildings will also shutter if a zone has a rolling seven-day average of 2 percent.

The closure order earlier this month

shut down about 120 schools across the city. The sudden lockups sparked resistance from many parents.

The Department of Education’s independent testing process — which screens up to 20 percent of school populations at every building each month — has shown minimal infection rates thus far.

Bernadette Hogan and Selim Alger

Firearm sales at record

So far in 2020 — a year marred by the global coronavirus pandemic and widespread civil unrest — Americans have bought more guns than ever before, according to new research.

From January through September, Americans have purchased a record 16.7 million firearms, data reported by Small Arms Analytics and Forecasting shows.

Jurgen Brauer, chief economist of the firm, said that total exceeds the previous annual high set in 2016 — the year of the last presidential election — when 16.6 million guns were sold.

Firearm sales were up by 66 percent through September from the same period in 2019, according to the small arms research firm, which makes estimates based on raw data taken from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

"Handgun sales continue to comfortably outpace long-gun sales," Brauer said.

The uptick in gun sales for 2020 was largely driven by 5 million first-time gun buyers, including many African Americans and women, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade association for the firearms industry.

Natalie Musumeci

Vax Mass. produce

Biotech firm Moderna expects to have about 20 million doses of its experimental coronavirus vaccine ready to ship in the United States by the end of the year.

The Massachusetts-based drug developer will be prepared to distribute the vaccine, dubbed mRNA-1273, around the country if its late-stage clinical study proves that it works and the feds approve it, according to company officials.

"From a distribution standpoint, we're ready," Dr. Tal Zaks, Moderna's chief medical officer, told investors on a Thursday conference call.

Noah Manskar

Conviction tossed over iffy witness

Photos: Rashid Umar Abbasi



GOOD TO GO: Gerard Domond is in Brooklyn court Friday (left) and a free man outside with girlfriend Andrea Walter (right) after his murder conviction was voided.



By GEORGETT ROBERTS and REBECCA ROSENBERG

A man who spent 29 years behind bars for murder had his conviction overturned Friday — after the Brooklyn DA's Office admitted a prosecutor withheld key information from his defense.

"I want to thank my mother for standing behind me," cleared con Gerard Domond, who has been out on parole since 2016, told a judge Friday.

"She stood by me all these years. I'm just happy to be home with my family. It was a long journey," Domond added matter-of-factly as his mom, Marie Pyrol, looked on from the gallery.

Domond went on trial in 1989 for the slaying of Patrick Hinkson based on a single eyewitness who had been held in a psychiatric ward for months before testifying as part of a cooperation agreement, according to an investigation by the DA's Conviction Review Unit.

Brooklyn prosecutors at the time did not disclose to the defense the witness' psychiatric hospitalization, according to the report.

The DA's office asked for Domond's conviction to be overturned based on the unit's finding.

The man, his mom and other family members, along with DA Eric Gonzalez, watched from the gallery as Justice Matthew D'Emic said, "The motion to vacate the indictment and conviction is granted."

Gonzalez was not DA at the time the withholding of evidence occurred.

The case began in March 1987

when a man dropped off a mortally wounded Hinkson at a hospital and said the victim had been shot in the parking lot of Club Love in Prospect Lefferts Gardens. The man provided Hinkson's name and address and vanished. Hinkson, who had been shot in the head, eventually succumbed to his injuries.

There was no crime scene or forensic evidence tying Domond to the slaying. But three days after the murder, the soon-to-be cooperating witness — whose name was withheld in the report — strolled into the 77th Precinct station house and told cops he had worked for Domond's alleged crack-dealing business and saw him shoot Hinkson over a drug-money dispute.

A few hours earlier, the witness said he had gotten into a fight with Domond after he caught him with his girlfriend, and they had pulled their guns on each other.

Then-NYPD Detective Louis Scarcella arrested Domond and drove him to a lineup, although the cop had no other involvement in the case, according to the report.

At least 15 suspects have had their convictions thrown out due to the scandal-scarred Scarcella's crooked police investigations.

Days after the visit by the "witness" to the precinct, he was busted for possessing crack but promised no more than six months in prison in exchange for his cooperation against Domond at the 1989 trial.

Domond's conviction is the 29th overturned since 2014 on the recommendation of the DA's Conviction Review Unit.

FREED AFTER 29 YRS.

Deadly 7.0 quake rocks Turkey, Greece

A powerful 7.0-magnitude earthquake in the Aegean Sea rocked Turkey and Greece on Friday — unleashing a tsunami, leveling buildings and killing at least 14 people, officials said.

A minor tsunami washed through the Seferihisar district of Izmir, Turkey's third-biggest city, said Haluk Ozener, director of the

Istanbul-based Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute.

The dead included 12 people in Izmir, including one who drowned. More than 500 others were injured, officials said.

Izmir Gov. Yavuz Selim Kosger said at least 70 people had been rescued from the rubble. Mayor Tunc

Soyer said about 20 buildings had collapsed in the province.

Eight people also suffered light injuries on the Greek island of Samos, which has a population of about 45,000, officials said.

The temblor, which was felt from Istanbul to Athens, hit close to Izmir, which has about 4.3 million

residents, Agence France-Presse reported.

"So far, we have received information about six collapsed buildings" in Izmir province, Turkish Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu tweeted.

Turkish media showed wreckage of a multiple-story building in central Izmir, with people climbing it

to start rescue efforts. One woman was seen being helped from the rubble of a collapsed building.

Residents of Samos were urged to stay away from coastal areas.

High tidal wave warnings were in place on the island, according to a Greek official.

Yaron Steinbuch with Wires

'Supremely' disappointed

Prez rant at Pa., NC ruling

By LIA EUSTACHEWICH

President Trump took to Twitter early Friday to blast the Supreme Court following its decision this week to allow Pennsylvania and North Carolina to count mail-in ballots after Election Day.

"If Sleepy Joe Biden is actually elected President, the 4 Justices (plus!) that helped make such a ridiculous win possible would be relegated to sitting on not only a heavily PACKED COURT, but probably a REVOLVING COURT as well," Trump tweeted just before 3 a.m.

"At least the many new Justices will be Radical Left!"

Joe Biden on Monday floated the possibility of Supreme Court justices being rotated off the bench and bounced from court to court should he be elected president.

"It's a lifetime appointment. I'm not going to attempt to change that at all," Biden said.

But, he added, "there is some literature among constitutional scholars about the possibility of going from one court to another court, not just always staying the whole time in the Supreme Court."

Tax cut if re-elected

President Trump will introduce a middle-class tax cut and continue deregulation if he wins a second term, White House chief economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Friday, promising a return to prosperity.

Kudlow touted Trump's economic record in an interview with Axios, saying the president had delivered an economic boom for the middle and working class before the coronavirus pandemic arrived on US shores this year.

"His policies, the tax cuts and the deregulation especially, the people who benefited were those that needed it the most. Those are facts," he said. "It was the middle class and the lower rungs of the income ladder who had the biggest gains under President Trump."

US unemployment fell to 7.9 percent last month from a record

The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld decisions to extend the deadline for counting absentee-ballots so long as they are still postmarked by Election Day.

The rulings will allow votes to be counted up to three days after Nov. 3 in Pennsylvania and up to nine days after that date in North Carolina. Both are key battleground states that Trump won in 2016.

Newly sworn-in Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett did not take part in the vote.

Trump's rant against the Supreme Court was part of an early-morning tweetstorm that included posts predicting a GOP sweep in the election and attacking Biden.

"Biden will destroy the United States Supreme Court. Don't let this happen!" Trump tweeted.

The president lashed out at the high court again later Friday morning in response to a Wednesday news story about North Carolina's absentee-ballot extension.

"This decision is CRAZY and so bad for our Country. Can you imagine what will happen during that nine day period," he tweeted. "The Election should END on November 3rd."

high of 14.7 percent in April amid coronavirus lockdowns. But that was still a lot higher than the pre-pandemic low of 3.8 percent.

Kudlow on Friday vowed that the nation was on the "road to long-term prosperity."

"I think we can pick up on that once we get through this difficult period," he said. "We are now working on a middle-class tax cut. We are working on some additional business tax cuts."

The US gross domestic product boomed at a 33 percent annualized pace in the third quarter of 2020, the Commerce Department reported on Thursday.

Trump celebrated the figures in a Friday-morning tweet, writing: "IF I AM ELECTED, NEXT YEAR WILL BE OUR BEST EVER!"

Ebony Bowden

Battlin' Don and Joe

IT'S THE GREAT STUMPKIN: President Trump campaigns in Waterford Township, Mich., on Friday, while Joe Biden makes his pumpkin pitch in Des Moines, Iowa.



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MIDWEST

The presidential campaign enters its final weekend with President Trump trailing Joe Biden in the polls in three key battleground states that he won on his way to victory in the 2016 election.

	BIDEN	TRUMP
Mich.	50%	43.5%
Fla.	48.4%	47.2%
Pa.	49.5%	45.9%

Source: RealClearPolitics

By STEVEN NELSON and EBONY BOWDEN

President Trump and Joe Biden exchanged distant blows at a flurry of Friday rallies amid a battleground-state blitz as they make their pitch to voters on the final weekend before Election Day.

At a campaign stop in the Detroit suburb of Waterford Township, Trump slammed Biden as a "diehard globalist."

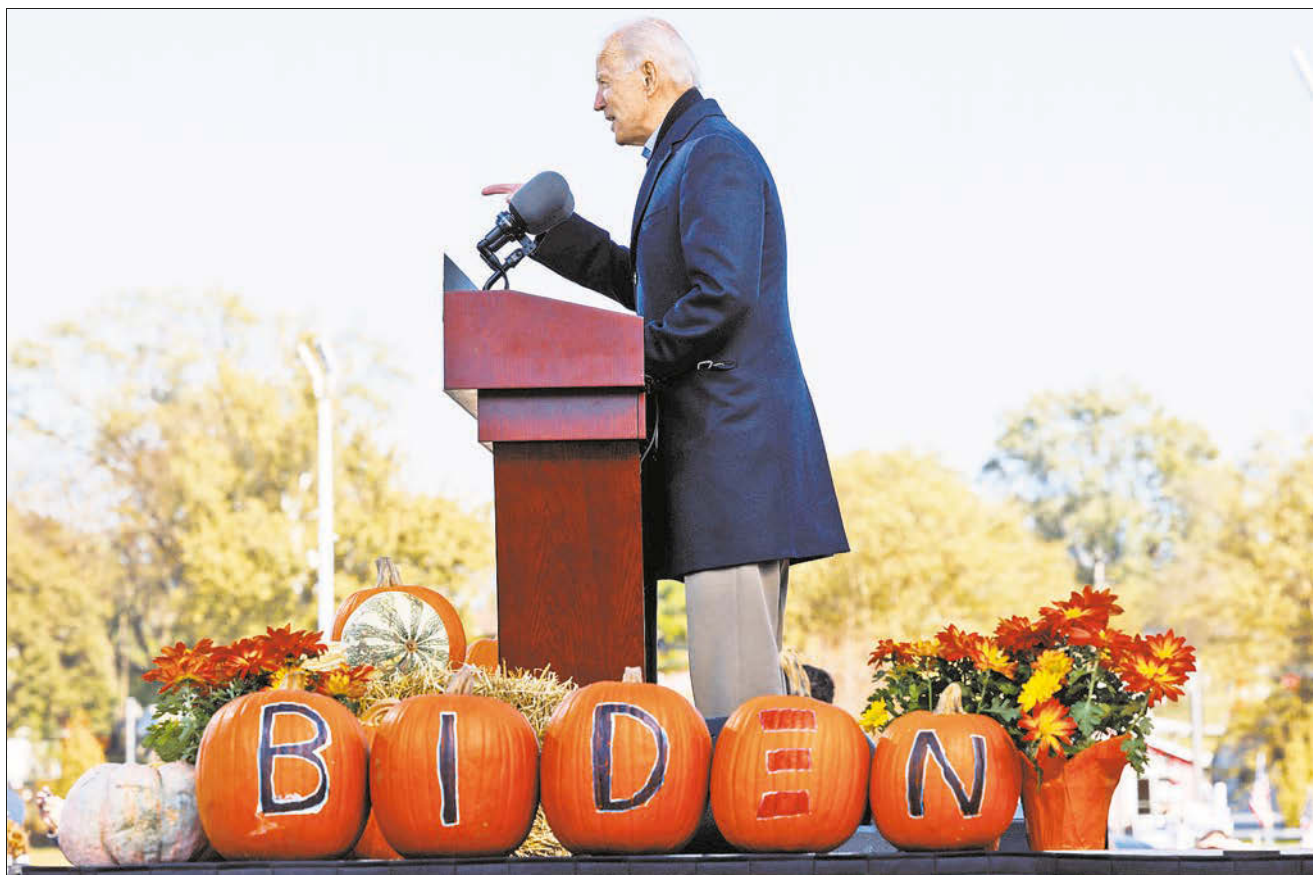
"He destroyed your industry, but I brought it back," Trump said. "At every turn, Biden twisted the knife into the back of Michigan workers and workers all over the country."

At a drive-in rally in Iowa, Biden promised a return to decency and focused on Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Donald Trump is waving the white flag. He surrendered to this virus," the Democratic presidential nominee said in Des Moines amid another record surge in new daily COVID-19 infections.

"Unlike Donald Trump, we will not surren-

enter final rounds in heartland



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der to this virus. I'm going to put in place a plan to deal with this pandemic responsibly, which I laid out back in March, bringing the country together on testing, tracing, masking."

Biden later held a drive-in rally in outside St. Paul, Minn., where a group of Trump fans showed up and disrupted the former veep by using noisemakers.

"These guys are not very polite, but they're like Trump," Biden said at the outset of his speech. "But look, they're going to be OK. We're going to take care of them, as well."

Trump, who also held an event in Minnesota, will host more than a dozen of his signature rallies before the polls close Tuesday night.

Seeking to out-hustle Biden, Trump will host four rallies on Saturday in Pennsylvania alone, his campaign said on Friday. The state narrowly broke for Trump in 2016.

Meanwhile, Biden is bringing out the big guns on Saturday, when he will appear in Mi-

chigan alongside former President Barack Obama in Flint and Detroit before spending Sunday and Monday in the must-win state of Pennsylvania, where he leads Trump by 3.6 percentage points, according to the RealClearPolitics average of polls.

Hot on Biden's heels, the president will also visit Detroit on Sunday before heading to Wisconsin-neighborhood Dubuque, Iowa; Hickory, NC; Rome, Ga.; and Miami, his campaign said.

On Monday, he will host rallies in Fayetteville, NC, Scranton, Pa., Traverse City, Mich., riot-torn Kenosha, Wis., and Grand Rapids, Mich.

Trump's dizzying schedule reflects his efforts to out-campaign Biden to pull off another conventional-wisdom-defying win. As in 2016, he trails the Democrat in most national polls and is locked in dead heats with the former veep in critical swing states.

An outcome may take several extra days to determine given the unprecedented number

of mail-in ballots being cast amid the pandemic.

Trump carried Michigan by the razor-thin margin of 10,704 votes while also squeaking over the line in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. The three traditionally Democratic Rust Belt states made him president, and most predictive models say he must win at least one to secure a second term.

More than 85 million Americans had already cast early votes by Friday evening, a record number that represents more than 58 percent of total 2016 turnout.

In another sign of the ongoing pandemic, Trump said on Friday that he was considering spending election night Tuesday at the White House due to coronavirus restrictions in Washington, DC — a far cry from the raucous Big Apple celebration he held four years ago.

It was unclear where Biden will spend election night, but it's highly likely he'll stay near his hometown of Wilmington, Del., from where he has done much of his campaigning.

Blistering attack on Mr. 'Snyde'

President Trump excoriated Republican former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder in a Friday-morning tweet for supporting Joe Biden.

Snyder, who served as governor from 2011 to 2019 and was succeeded by Democrat Gretchen Whitmer, announced on Thursday that he was a "proud Republican" who had voted for Biden.

"I would NEVER have taken the endorsement of the man who, through gross incompetence, poisoned the people of Flint, Michigan," Trump tweeted, referring to the state's lead-tainted water-supply crisis.

"Former RINO Governor Rick Snyder should be ashamed of himself and his service. I was asked to help fix it. Biden took his endorsement. VOTE TRUMP!!!" he wrote, using an acronym for "Republican in name only."

Snyder slammed Trump's record on the coronavirus pandemic on Fox News Thursday.

"I've already voted," Snyder told "Your World" host Neil Cavuto. "I'm a proud Republican. This was a big decision, but you come back to the basics. I'm an American first."

"We shouldn't let partisanship get in the way of good decision-making for our country," he said. "Joe Biden is a better decision than Donald Trump for the next four years." *Ebony Bowden*

CNNer drops pro-Don pals

CNN host Don Lemon went off the rails on his show Thursday night, saying he has cut President Trump-supporting friends out of his life and comparing them to drug addicts who need to get help.

"I had to get rid of them. They're too far gone," he told Chris Cuomo at the opening of "CNN Tonight."

"I think they have to hit rock bottom like an addict, right?" Lemon added. "And they have to want to get help. They have to want to know the truth. They have to want to live in reality. They have to want to be responsible not only for other people's lives but for their lives."

Twitter users roasted Lemon for the remarks. Conservative attorney Harmeet K. Dhillon tweeted, "Don Lemon talking to his imaginary friends again..." *Lia Eustachewich*

Come a-courting

'Cuo-mantic' state trooper a tennis star

LOVE MATCH: A shirtless Dane Pfeiffer walks off the tennis court back in 2008. It's no wonder Gov. Cuomo's daughter Cara (lower inset) fell for him — but the relationship got the state trooper (upper inset) reassigned up near the Canadian border.



By BERNADETTE HOGAN and BRUCE GOLDING

Game. Set. Perfect match!

The state trooper who struck up a relationship with Gov. Cuomo's daughter — much to her father's dismay — is a former tennis pro with washboard abs.

Dane Pfeiffer, 35, played the sport while a student at Skidmore College and later competed in two overseas tournaments, according to online records.

A photo posted online by his older sister in 2008 shows Pfeiffer's glistening, chiseled physique as he walked, shirtless, off a court with a racquet in his hand.

Other photos, also posted in 2008, show him in selfies snapped during what appears to have been

a mountain hiking trip in the western United States.

In several, he made goofy faces while posing amid the scenery. Some also feature a pal mugging for the camera who's tagged as Dan Coffee.

Coffee appears to be a 38-year-old resident of Old Lyme, Conn., where Pfeiffer grew up.

He didn't return a message seeking comment.

A 2012 photo also shows Pfeiffer wearing a yellow sports jacket at an event with his parents, John and Marga Pfeiffer, and his sister, Aubris Pfeiffer.

Pfeiffer, who became a trooper in 2015, was a member of Cuomo's security detail until he began dating 25-year-old Cara Kennedy-Cuomo about seven months ago,

sources have said.

The governor "didn't like whatever they were doing," and Pfeiffer was reassigned to a state police station in Plattsburgh, about 20 miles from the Canadian border, according to the sources.

The move was the result of a May 24 request by Pfeiffer for a "voluntary transfer" to help "further his career advancement," according to the state police.

Pfeiffer apparently acquired a love of tennis from his dad, a retired archaeologist and tennis coach.

In 2010, John Pfeiffer was named "All-Area Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year" at Old Lyme HS, according to a 2010 report by The Day newspaper.

The article also described Dane, then 25, as a tennis pro and coach.

In August 2010, he made it to the second round of the Lithuania F1 Futures tournament in August 2010 before losing to a rival from Belarus, 6-2, 6-2, according to the CoreTennis.net Web site.

That same month, Dane also competed in the Austria F3 Futures tournament but he didn't advance past the first round, the site shows.

Pfeiffer and a partner from Switzerland got a walkover to the tournament's doubles quarterfinals, where they lost to a team from the Czech Republic, according to the official ATP Tour Web site.

Pfeiffer, who declined to speak to The Post when reached by phone earlier this week, didn't immediately return a message on Friday.



Lori goes early to Big House

Actress Lori Loughlin has turned herself in early and begun her two-month sentence at a California federal prison for her role in the nationwide college admissions cheating scandal.

The "Full House" star had been ordered to report to prison on Nov. 19, but Loughlin (above) surrendered on Friday at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, Calif., a Bureau of Prisons spokesman said.

Loughlin, 55, and her designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, 56, pleaded guilty in May to conspiring to pay a half-million-dollar bribe to get their daughters into the University of Southern California.

Daughters Olivia Jade Giannulli and Isabella Rose Giannulli applied to USC as rowing recruits, though neither participated in the sport.

Dublin is the same prison where actress Felicity Huffman served her own sentence in the scandal — a total 11 days of incarceration she afterward described as "harsh." *Laura Italiano*

Coach busted in teen 'rape'

A Long Island soccer coach was busted for allegedly raping a teen player on two occasions over the summer, cops said Friday.

Sean Johnsen, 35, who coaches a Nassau County club team, had "inappropriate contact" with the 16-year-old girl on Aug. 17 and 21, Nassau County Police said.

He was charged with two counts of third-degree rape, two counts of third-degree criminal sex act and endangering the welfare of a child.

Players on Johnsen's team range in age from 14 to 19, cops said. *Amanda Woods*

Rory quitting for gig with gov

Queens Councilman Rory Lancman will resign next week to take a job overseeing the state's energy utilities for Gov. Cuomo's administration, officials announced Friday.

Lancman, a Democrat, is best known for his long battle with New York's police unions over codifying the NYPD's chokehold ban into city law.

"Utility companies do not have a God-given right to operate in New York, and when they abuse and bully consumers they must be held accountable, which is why I am creating a new position of special counsel for ratepayer protection at the Department of Public Service," said Cuomo.

Bernadette Hogan and Nolan Hicks

Rail 'pain in glass' still loose

Subway window-smashing incidents have continued unabated in the two months since the MTA and NYPD offered \$12,500 for info on a culprit, The Post has learned.

Records show 156 broken-glass incidents on subway trains, or 1.7 per day, during the two-month period between Aug. 26 and Oct. 26.

In the period between May 8, when the spree began, and Aug. 25, there were an average 1.4 broken-glass incidents per day.

Authorities believe the most destructive incidents — which occurred primarily on the 7 line — were the act of a single culprit who has yet to be apprehended. *David Meyer*

Fatal shooting in Bronx

Three people were shot — one fatally — in two separate incidents on Thursday, with no shootings reported early Friday as steady rain kept gunplay at bay.

In the most recent incident, a 35-year-old man was blasted in the torso at East 196th Street and Grand Concourse in the Fordham Manor section of The Bronx around 4:40 p.m. Thursday, authorities said.

He was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The circumstances leading up to the shooting were unclear Friday morning.

Around 1 a.m. at Patchen Avenue and Van Buren Street in Bushwick, a 38-year-old man was shot in the right leg and left ankle, and a 47-year-old man was blasted in the butt, cops said.

They had gotten into a dispute with three men wearing hoodies who took off, authorities said. Both victims were taken to the Kings County Hospital Center in stable condition.

A third person who was somehow involved in the beef walked into Woodhull Medical Center with a stab wound to his left leg, according to police sources.

On Thursday's date in 2019, two people were reported shot in two separate incidents. *Amanda Woods*

Grocer staffs at high risk

Grocery store workers — particularly those who interact with customers — are at serious risk of infection by the coronavirus, according to a study in the journal Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

These workers likely became a “significant transmission source” for the illness without even knowing it because most in the study were asymptomatic, CNN reported.

The study found that 20 percent of 104 grocery store workers tested at a Boston store in May had positive nasal swab results, according to the network.

Yaron Steinbuch

Dynasty protects a ‘killer’ Kennedy

GUILTY IN ALL BUT NAME



BURDEN OF PROOF: Kennedy kin Michael Skakel leaves Connecticut court Friday after learning he will not be retried in Martha Moxley's (inset) murder.

MAUREEN CALLAHAN



Of course, he gets away with it. He's a Kennedy. Forty-five years to the very day Martha Moxley, just 15 years old, was savagely beaten to death, found in a sexually humiliating pose with her pants and underwear yanked down, stabbed through the neck with a broken golf club, Michael Skakel, convicted of Martha's murder in 2002, is now a free man, never to be retried.

Though the murder weapon matched to Skakel's late mother's set, though Martha had written about her unease with teenage neighbor Michael in her diary — “a real asshole . . . I really have to stop going over there” — and though Michael, after the murder, bludgeoned a squirrel to death with a golf club, then tacked its remains over a hole with tees, it took law enforcement and prosecutors 25 years to make the arrest.

In those intervening decades, Skakel was a full-blown alcoholic

who wrapped his car around a tree at 17, attempted suicide at least once, allegedly confessed to multiple people that he had done something so terrible he had to leave the country, that he may have killed someone, that he climbed a tree that night and masturbated as he spied on Martha undressing in her bedroom, that he stood over her dead body that night and ejaculated. He allegedly told at least one other person that he killed Martha.

But these are Kennedys, and the arc of justice is slow to nonexistent. Ask not for shame or empathy, either. In 2000, when Skakel was finally arraigned in a Connecticut court, he had the gall to confront Moxley's grieving mother.

“You’ve got the wrong guy,” he said.

A jury didn't think so. Nor was the judge swayed by the input of Skakel's aunt, the widow Ethel Kennedy, who took it upon herself to write a letter in defense of her poor nephew, the real victim here.

Kennedys, no matter whom they harm or kill, are always the victims.

“I beg you to . . . end this nightmare,” Ethel began, explaining that Michael, with his learning disability, never had a chance, “becoming

the victim of [parental] alienation, infuriation and permissiveness.”

The victim! What else could poor Michael do but lash out at his pretty neighbor, who rejected Michael, and beat her brains out?

Ethel went on to speciously claim that portly, ruddy-faced Michael grew up to become “a world class athlete” with a “love of life” and “exquisite manners.”

You can't make this up.

Naturally, Martha was never mentioned in Ethel's letter, nor Martha's mother. You'd think Ethel would have deigned to express some sympathy.

Most damning: Ethel never wrote that her nephew was innocent.

Really, aside from Ethel's son RFK Jr. — an anti-vaxxer who disgustingly, baselessly suggested the real killers were two black teenagers from The Bronx — no one thinks Michael Skakel is innocent.

Yet wealth, privilege, power, and the constant pull on a much-used defense — “But I'm a Kennedy!” — resulted in an overturned conviction two years ago. It was a narrow 4-3 decision, with state Supreme Court Justice Carmen E. Espinosa, in her dissent, alluding to Skakel's claim of Kennedy victimhood while availing

himself of the Kennedy myth.

Other convicted felons, Espinosa wrote, “would undoubtedly be thrilled to receive such special treatment. Unfortunately for them, the vast majority do not share the petitioner's financial resources, social standing, ethnicity or connections to a political dynasty.”

Indeed: On Friday, prosecutors announced that they would not retry Skakel for Martha's murder. Her brother John told the press that his family had made their peace with the decision. “His life will never be the same,” John said. “Mine will never be the same. I wouldn't want to walk a mile in his shoes.”

It's incredible that after all this time and all these women — Mary Jo Kopechne, Rosemary Kennedy, Mimi Alford, Mary Richardson Kennedy, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Martha Moxley, to name but a few — emotionally abused, physically brutalized or worse by Kennedy men, that we still refer to this as a political dynasty rather than what it is: a criminal one.

The people inside that dynasty know the truth. As Skakel is said to have confessed to a boarding-school classmate: “I'm going to get away with murder. I'm a Kennedy.”

'Cruel conditions' at B'klyn pound



NOT FIT FOR A DOG: Pups at Brooklyn's Animal Care Centers are allegedly left in filthy cages (top) with no water (bottom.)



SHELTER SYSTEM

By GABRIELLE FONROUGE

Dogs at the Brooklyn arm of the Big Apple pound live in squalid and "neglectful" conditions — including filthy cages filled with urine and feces, no water bowls, and a revolving door of indifferent, low-paid staffers, The Post has learned.

Three whistleblowers from the Animal Care Centers of New York City, two of whom are former volunteers from the Brooklyn location, came forward to reveal the poor conditions.

"Sometimes the smell of ammonia is so strong, it's nauseating," said an ACC source. "I've pulled out blankets that are so wet, you can squeeze them out, just saturated."

The three whistleblowers, one of whom left the agency earlier this year, all said "neglect" is commonplace at the East New York facility.

Instead of removing soiled blankets and cleaning out the cages, layers of bedding are piled on top to hide the waste — if any bedding is added at all, they alleged.

Dogs are also consistently found to have "completely dry" bowls or no water bowls for extended periods of time — with workers telling The Post of severely dehydrated dogs trying to lick puddles and oil slicks when out for walks.

In September, city Comptroller Scott Stringer released an audit on ACC, saying 15 animals "didn't have access to clean water" and 48 animals were "in dirty kennels."

But the whistleblowers The Post spoke with said that's just the tip of the iceberg.

"When I saw Stringer's recent audit report, I kind of laughed to myself," one of the ex-volunteers said.

That person consistently raised

concerns to ACC brass about the poor conditions during their tenure and ended up getting terminated late last year because they "had become too time-consuming" with complaints, they alleged.

Part of the difficulty, according to the whistleblowers, is the prevalence of low-paid, indifferent workers and a lack of supervision. Staffers are often seen standing around, chatting while supervisors never leave their office, the whistleblowers said.

The comptroller's audit noted a lack of documented supervisory review and inadequate spot check logs and recommended changes to the system in July, but the ACC source said nothing has changed since the probe and spot check logs are "not being used" in any way.

In response to the allegations, an ACC spokesperson said the

agency takes "tremendous pride" in their work.

"From helping keep families together with their pets throughout the public health emergency, to expanding our community of animal welfare advocates, we remain steadfast in our mission to end animal homelessness in NYC," the spokesperson said.

The agency said staff and volunteers refill water bowls when empty and correct kennel conditions when notified of issues.

The shelter, which receives the bulk of its funding from City Hall, is in a 34-year mega-contract with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene through June 2052. It's an open-intake shelter, required to take in any homeless creature across all five boroughs, and boasts an adoption rate of about 90 percent.

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Killer is busted in subway shooting

A two-time murderer who had been released on life-time parole is back behind bars after she was arrested Friday for allegedly shooting a man in the neck during an argument at a Greenwich Village subway station earlier this month, police said.

Before being released just last year, Rona Love, 59, had spent 25 years behind bars for two murders she committed in the 1990s.

Love (above) is now charged with attempted murder in an Oct. 18 shooting in the 1/2/3 station at 14th Street and Seventh Avenue, NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea said via Twitter.

The victim in that attack, a 24-year-old man, managed to walk himself to nearby Lenox Health Center and survived.

Police said Love also will be charged in a recent gun-point robbery at a souvenir shop in Ridgewood, Queens. "Great job by all involved!" Shea tweeted.

Love — a transgender woman who identifies herself as "Rona Sugar Love" — did two previous stints in jail for murder.

A couple of months after her April 2019 release, Love told the New York City Trans Oral History Project that, while behind bars, she was repeatedly sexually and physically abused by other inmates and correction officers and tried several times to commit suicide.

She and her twin sister also experienced "physical, emotional, sexual, mental abuses" while they were children in Puerto Rico, she said.

Tamar Lapin

Crane ball hits building Cabbie 'sex attacker'

A "headache ball" attached to a crane atop a Midtown skyscraper crashed into the building while the equipment was spinning in the wind Thursday night, causing glass and debris to rain down on the street below, the Department of Buildings said.

The heavy metallic ball, which was attached to the end of the crane's cable, swung into the under-construction building on West 57th Street near Sixth Avenue as the crane was "weather-vaning," or spinning along with the wind, the DOB said.

Ben Feuerherd

A yellow-cab driver was busted this week for allegedly sexually assaulting two women in Manhattan, one of them inside his taxi — and police say he may have other victims.

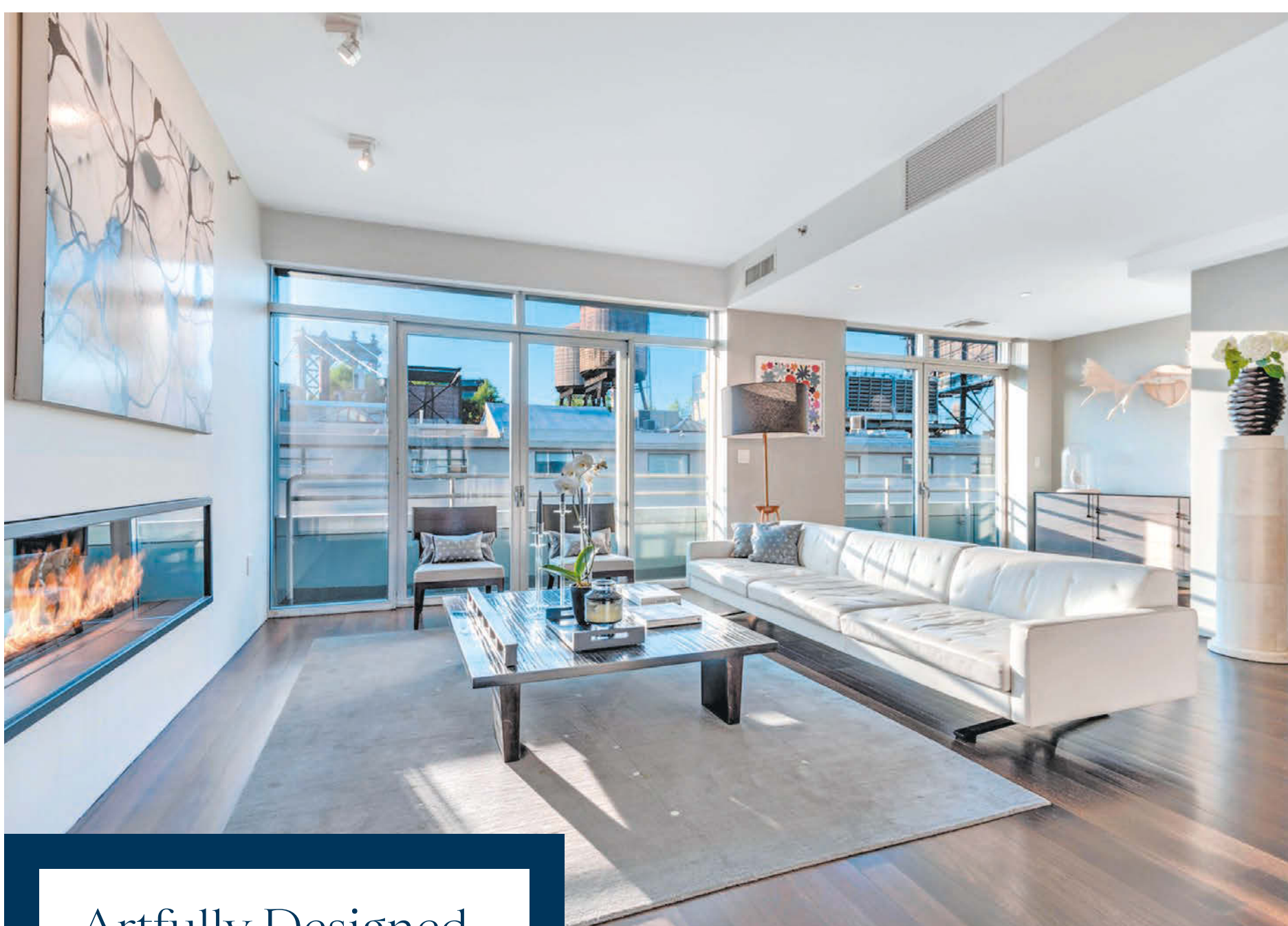
Muhammad Wasim, 36, first targeted one woman on Oct. 11 and an

other Oct. 20, according to police.

Wasim was arrested around 12:15 a.m. Tuesday by the Manhattan Special Victims Squad, cops said.

He was arraigned on one count of first-degree attempted rape and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

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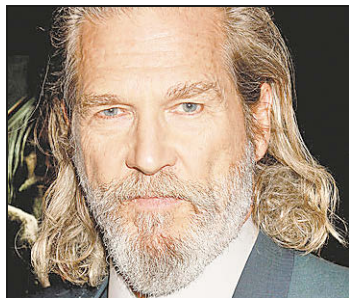
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Throwing pains

AFTER we reported on “Arrow” star **Stephen Amell**’s recent bout with the coronavirus, the actor has faced another setback on the set of his new Starz wrestling series “Heels.” Amell is recuperating from a back injury suffered while filming a stunt this week in Atlanta, TV Line reported. Starz told The Post, “Following a medical evaluation, he is now resting and recovering at home in anticipation of his return to set. Production continues as Stephen recuperates.” The full extent of his injury was not revealed. He said on a podcast that he came down with COVID-19 while shooting “Heels.”



Crossing Bridges

JEFF Bridges’ cancer diagnosis has given him motivation to share more of his wisdom with others. “This cancer thing is bringing on feelings of preciousness, and gratitude, and good old-fashion love, and lots of it, big time,” the star wrote after his lymphoma diagnosis. “I’m feeling so much of it comin’ my way, and man, I appreciate it. It’s contagious, all this love, like some kind of positive virus.” “The Big Lebowski” star (above) added, “I’m realizing if I have s--t to share, now’s the time.”

Micaiah Carter

KIM Kardashian was touched by her 40th birthday gift from **Kanye West** — a hologram of her late father, Robert — but not everyone felt the same about the “surprise from heaven.”

“230k people died but hey, enjoy this hologram of my dead dad because we’re so rich we can recreate our dead family members,” ex-“Daily Show” writer **Travon Free** tweeted. “Enjoy your 2-D photos of nana you broke bitch!”

Jeet Heer, national affairs correspondent for the Nation, noted, “In the near future, the super-rich will be completely surrounded by holograms and androids in the form of their

deceased loved ones and even former partners. They’ll live in a fantasy land where they think they’ve conquered death and separation.”

BuzzFeed’s **David Mack** pointed out how tone-deaf the gift seemed in light of the backlash Kardashian got for flying her inner circle to a private island in Tahiti for her birthday.

“Kim heard your feedback about boasting of her wealthy private island vacation during a pandemic where your loved ones are dying and said ok here is a hologram of my dead loved one that my wealthy husband bought me,” he tweeted, adding, “Next week: ok guys sorry for everything anyway **Kylie [Jenner]**

bought me the cure for cancer.”

The reality TV star posted an Instagram video of the hologram, showing Robert resurrected to deliver a special message for his daughter, including, “You’re beautiful, just like when you were a little girl.” The hologram also refers to West as the “most, most, most, most, most genius man in the world.”

Robert, among the team of lawyers who got his close pal **O.J. Simpson** acquitted of murder, died in 2003, after being diagnosed with esophageal cancer.

Page Six reported Kardashian blew \$1 million to charter a private jet to get her nearest and dearest to a resort on the exclusive island.

Grande vision

WHEN **Ariana Grande** surprised fans by announcing the release of her sixth studio album, even one of her producers was caught by surprise. But music whiz **Tommy Brown** told WSJ. Magazine that Grande’s a “guru” at knowing when to drop new material. Her latest, “Positions,” was recorded over the past few months at Grande’s and Brown’s home studios, and Brown said the coronavirus lockdown helped the creative process. “I mean, if you ask me, I’ve been quarantining for the last couple years,” he said. But, “There weren’t meetings, there wasn’t a tour, there weren’t deadlines . . . There was a lot of, I don’t know what’s happening.” He said of his preference for using live instruments: “Somebody told me once, it would be better if I knew how to play the guitar . . . I was like, yes, but I know the best guitar player in the world and I’ll never be better. Like, where’s he at? Let’s bring him in.” Grande’s 2019 hit album “Thank U, Next,” was recorded by the star with Brown and other songwriters amid a sea of Champagne, but last fall Brown got sober. “I just realized, you don’t have to always drink,” he said.



Rock the vote

FOX News’ **Martha MacCallum** (above) is prepping for an on-air marathon for the election. “The Story With Martha MacCallum” host is working out daily and sipping green juice while quarantining after coming into contact with someone with COVID-19. She’s been recording from her home in New Jersey, but will be in the studio on Election Day, she told us. It “could be a landslide or go on for a month, we really don’t know — but we’re prepared for both,” she told Page Six. However, she’s not worried about tiring, saying: “It’s amazing — you sit down and plug in and you don’t think about getting up and leaving . . . The last time I covered the election, I was so plugged in and so hyperfocused that the hours flew by.”

2 heads are better than 1

PAULA Jai Parker and **Taraji P. Henson** once put their heads together — literally — to help a woman avoid a suitor they thought was bad news. “Taraji and I actually bumped heads warning this one chick like, literally, on the dance floor,” Parker said of a night out in Los Angeles. “We were literally telling her, ‘Don’t dance with that man right there! Don’t do it!’”

But during the dance-floor intervention, “we turned around and bumped heads and we were a little dizzy.” Henson advised Parker after the collision, “‘Don’t act dizzy, don’t act dizzy!’ We were like, ‘Stay cool, stay cool.’ We hoped nobody saw us.” She said of the incident: “Let’s put our heads together . . . We warned that girl . . . She kept dancing for a minute with him, but then she stopped. So I think she heard us . . . It worked out very well for her now.” Parker — who’s had roles in the films “Friday,” “Hustle & Flow” and “Phone Booth” — is now starring in the TV series “Family Time” on Bounce.

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France on high alert

Terror knife slay spurs national troop deploy

By BEN FEUERHERD

France deployed thousands more soldiers across the country after a suspected Islamist terrorist killed three people at a Nice church Thursday — as huge anti-French protests swept several Muslim countries.

“The threat is everywhere,” France’s foreign minister, Jean-Yves Le Drian, told reporters Friday.

The country is on its highest level of alert after Thursday’s murders and the beheading of a teacher outside Paris earlier this month, in which the educator was killed for showing his students controversial cartoons involving the Prophet Muhammad.

Le Drian said French schools abroad have been reopened since the horror — but only after security

at the facilities was increased.

“Instructions were given to our ambassadors to strengthen the security measures at our diplomatic posts or identifiable French locations like the French Alliance posts, and

we’ve decided to only reopen French schools after putting in place heightened security measures,” the foreign minister said.

On Thursday, suspected terrorist Brahim Aouissauoui stormed into Nice’s Notre Dame Basilica and

killed three people in a brutal knife attack.

French authorities had warned about the threat of terrorism in the country after the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo republished controversial cartoons depicting the prophet in



A ‘Killer’ smile

France terror suspect Brahim Aouissauoui is seen smiling in the Italian port city of Bari, where he arrived three weeks before his alleged attack at a basilica in Nice, a report says.

Tunisia native Aouissauoui, 21, arrived in Italy on Oct. 8 and a background check was done and a photo taken (left). He was told he had no legal right to be in Italy and ordered to leave within seven days — but was released, the Daily Mail reported. He went to France, where he allegedly killed three. *Yaron Steinbuch*

early September.

On Friday, anti-France protests formed in Muslim countries across the globe in response to the cartoons.

Protests in Pakistan’s capital, Islamabad, descended into chaos as thousands of protesters marched toward the French embassy, Al Jazeera reported.

Police at the building fired tear gas and beat protesters with batons to keep them away from the compound, according to the report.

The demonstrators hanged an effigy of French President Emmanuel Macron and beat the dummy with their shoes, a sign of disrespect and contempt, the news outlet reported.

*With Wires
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Gunman fires on N.O. cops

A gunman riding in a pedicab fired his weapon into the police car of two New Orleans officers Friday — but both ambushed cops will survive, including one who now has a bullet lodged in his skull, authorities said.

The cops were on patrol in the French Quarter at around 4:25 p.m. when they were fired upon, Police Superintendent Shaun Ferguson said.

The gunman was arrested within minutes and police found the weapon they believe was used in the shooting, Ferguson said.

One officer was shot in the left cheek, below the eye, and was in serious but stable condition. The four-year veteran was responsive as he walked into the hospital — holding his cheek.

The second officer, a 16-year veteran, suffered minor cuts to one arm from shards of window glass, NOLA.com reported. *Tamar Lapin*

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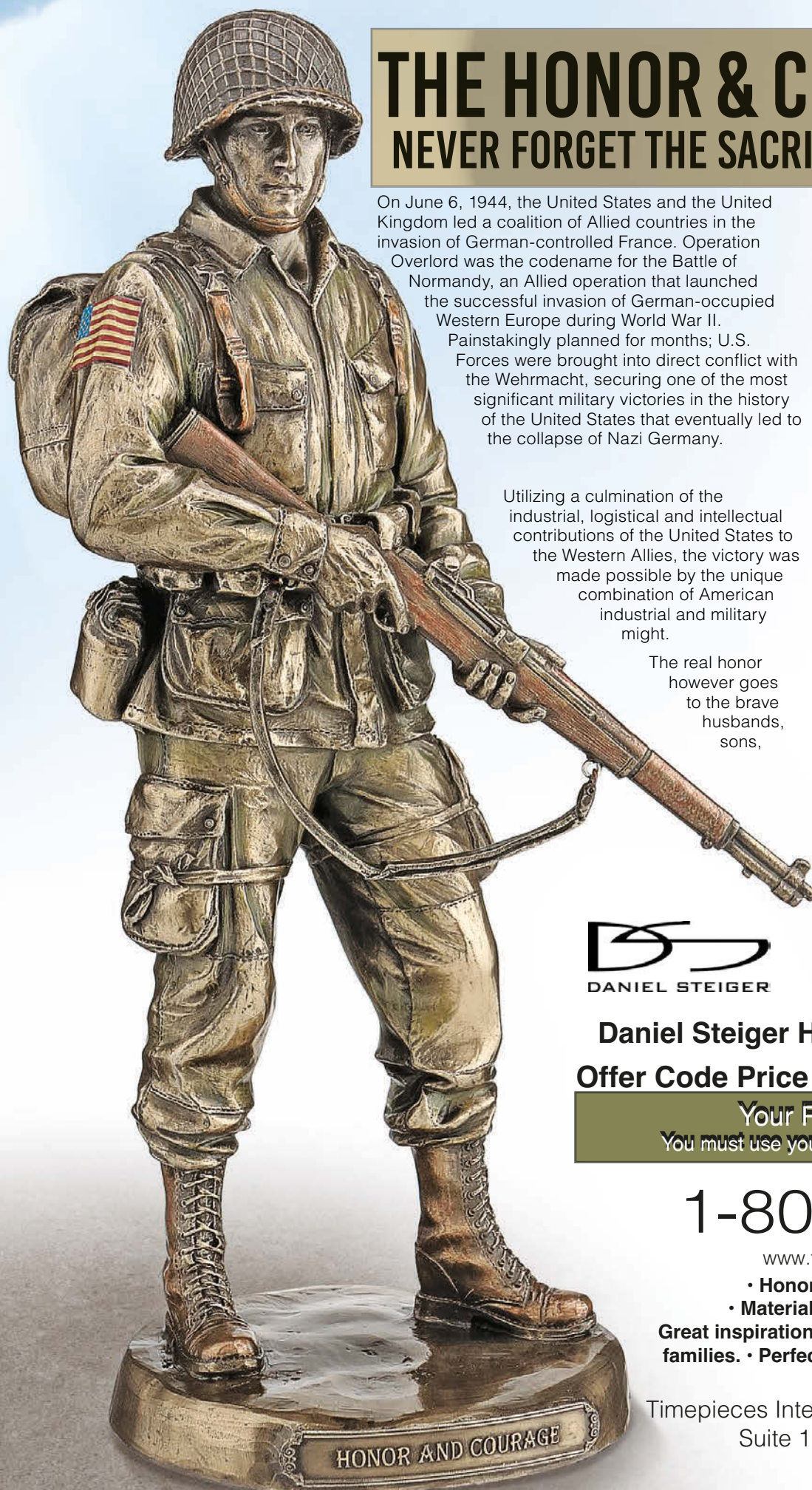
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Met exhibit explores 150 years of fashion and

FOR BOLD TIME'S SAKE

By RAQUEL LANERI

Finally! The Metropolitan Museum of Art opened its latest Costume Institute show Thursday, after multiple delays — and a canceled gala — due to COVID-19. And it's only fitting, since the exhibit is all about... time.

"About Time: Fashion and Duration" marks the Met's 150th anniversary, and the exhibit reflects 150 years of fashion, culling largely from the Costume Institute's own archive.

Yet instead of a straightforward timeline showing the progress of trends and silhouettes, "About Time" has a more eclectic approach, showing how fashion — like history — continually repeats itself.

"In essence, the show is a meditation of fashion and temporality," said curator Andrew Bolton in remarks to the press earlier this week, "drawing out the tensions of change and endurance [as well as] ephemerality and persistence."

The show is organized chronologically, starting with a bustled "mourning dress" from 1870 and ending with a silk rose-shaped frock by Alexander McQueen designer Sarah Burton from 2019. Yet a second, parallel timeline runs throughout the show, juxtaposing these looks marking the passage of time with similar creations

from an entirely different time period. Bolton chose 120 mostly black ensembles, "to emphasize their changing silhouettes and interconnection."

On one hand, the exhibit is proof of that old adage "great artists steal," showing that even the most iconic, boundary-pushing garments (from Jean Paul Gaultier's cone bra for Madonna to Gianni Versace's va-va-voom safety pin dress) had taken inspiration from more antique duds.

Yet, it also shows that pretty much every fad is ripe for resurrection. It's not just the timeless artifacts that get recycled again and again — the little black dress, the smoking jacket, the tweed skirt suit — but the most outre, ridiculous and dated, too: bulbous bustles, constricting corsets, padded hips, a World War I-era Red Cross uniform copied by designer John Galliano in... 2020?

Well, why not? As Bolton said, "Time exists as a continuous flow."

Here, a look at some of the exhibit's most famous styles, and how they continue to proliferate today.

"About Time" runs through Feb. 7. Timed tickets are required for entry to the exhibition and are available at MetMuseum.org or, for members and New York state residents, on site.

Elizabeth Hurley

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Carey Mulligan

**HAUTE
HARDWARE**

Elizabeth Hurley caused a sensation when she arrived at the 1994 premiere of the film "Four Weddings and a Funeral" in this salacious sheath with skin-baring slits held together by oversized safety pins. Yet Versace wasn't the only designer to combine hardware, exposed skin and high fashion. In 1977, British designer Zandra Rhodes debuted her torn "punk wedding dress," adorned with beaded safety pins and ball-chain fringe. And in 1884, a young socialite named Virginie Gautreau

scandalized le tout-Paris when her portrait — painted by John Singer Sargent (top right) — debuted, showing her in a revealing black dress with a sweetheart neckline and bejeweled shoulder straps, which bears more than a striking resemblance to Hurley's equally shocking frock. At the punk-themed 2013 Met Gala similar styles were spotted on Carey Mulligan (in Prada) and Gisele (in Anthony Vaccarello).

Gisele Bündchen

all the crazy clothes we're still wearing today.

Coco Chanel created "timeless" fashion, which is why nearly a century after her "little black dress," she's still being copied. Take her signature wool suit, which debuted in 1954, consisting of a boxy cardigan-like jacket and a straight skirt. No less than

THE CHANEL SUIT

was assassinated in 1963. (Although Jackie's did come from a genuine Chanel pattern.) When Karl Lagerfeld

took over Chanel in 1982, he shortened the suit's hem to micro proportions, and showed versions of the look for years, including a black-

and-white suit worn by Christy Turlington in his 1994 collection. Other designers have put a postmodern spin on the classic, rendering it in garish McDonald's colors (a la Jeremy Scott) or shredding it and turning it inside-out (a la Junya Watanabe). Current muse Kristen Stewart has worn infinite variations, including this one in pale pink satin that she styled without a shirt underneath — how au courant!



Kristen Stewart

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Coco Chanel



Christy Turlington



Jackie Kennedy

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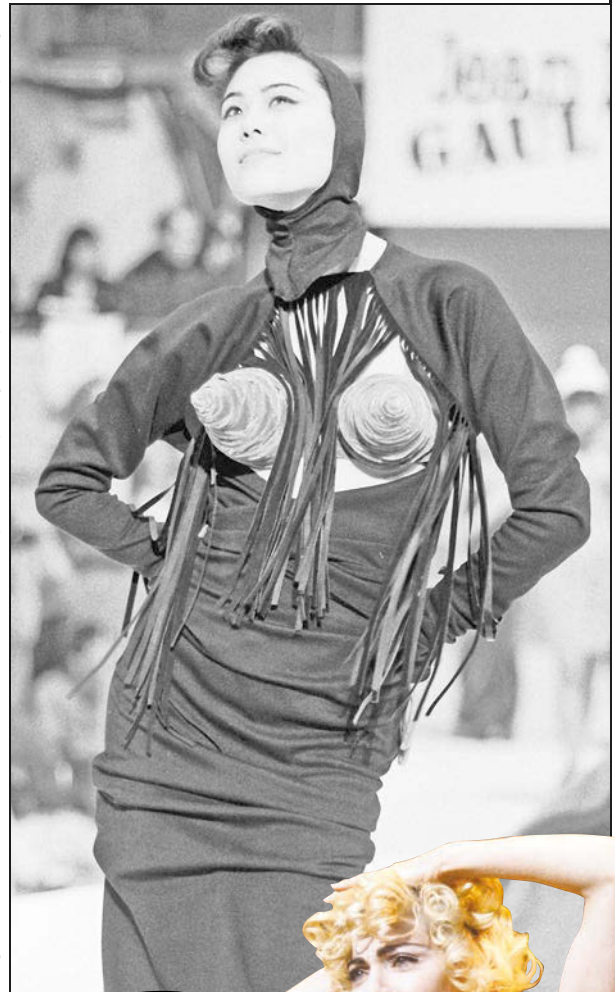
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RIDING JACKETS

Sometimes it's the least practical items that end up coming back into fashion again and again. Take the ostentatious waistcoats and "riding jackets" of late 17th and early 18th century France (middle left), stiffly embroidered with flowers and worn with frilly lace collars. Queen Alexandra, consort of King Edward VII, was photographed wearing this decorative puff-sleeved silk velvet riding jacket (bottom left) by Morin Blossier in 1902. In 2003, Italian designer Roberto Cavalli did an Edwardian frock coat in denim worn with cut-offs (below), and in 2018 Louis Vuitton director Nicolas Ghesquière showed a series of Jacquard-woven silk jackets and waistcoats (on Zendaya, top left) paired with athletic shorts and sneakers — directly inspired by the historic garments in the Met's collection.

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Kate Moss

Madonna

CONE BRAS

The cone bras worn by Kate Moss in 1995 and Madonna for her 1990 "Blonde Ambition" tour weren't all that original. The creator of Madonna's bra, Jean Paul Gaultier, had debuted an even more exaggerated version of the silhouette in his 1984 fall runway collection, featuring corseted crushed-velvet dresses with the cartoonish conical cups inspired by the perky-breasted sweater girls

of the 1940s and '50s (top). Punk provocateur Vivienne Westwood debuted a similar, more demure version of the high-fashion cone bra in the early 1980s. And back in 1949, the American couturier Charles James — known for his classy ballgowns — debuted his "Tulip" dress, featuring a conical bust that looks almost exactly like Gaultier's later boundary-pushing creation.

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Trashy 'art' house



He's wishing for a redo. A doctor in India was conned into buying a "magical" genie-style lamp for \$335,000, police said.

Two men claiming to be sorcerers in the city of Meerut allegedly duped Dr. Laeek Khan into believing the piece, which they called "Aladdin's lamp," would grant him his wishes.

Police said he planned to use it to become a billionaire.

She fell afoul of the law.

A woman trying to dine and dash by crawling through a vent at a restaurant in Canada was busted — when she crashed through the ceiling and landed next to a cop.

The tasteless crook allegedly tried to ditch her bill by squeezing into an opening inside a bathroom at the eatery in Burnaby, BC, but plunged and got busted.

Canadian cops unearthed a massive illegal marijuana grow operation and seized \$150 million worth of plants — along with three kangaroos and two zebras.

The York Police Department's organized-crime unit earned its stripes with the investigation, which yielded 37 arrests and 29,000 plants. The critters were turned over to animal-control officers.

Second graders at a North Carolina school thought a bunch of jerks had smashed their pumpkin display — until footage revealed it was a herd of troubling cows.

Hoofed hoodlums were caught on camera stomping and eating the gourds at Edneyville Elementary School in Hendersonville.

Elon Musk's planned colony on the Red Planet will not be ruled by any "Earth-based government" — and will instead adhere to its own "self-governing principles," according to a report.

The billionaire tech mogul's SpaceX Mars mission — which will use satellites to provide an Internet connection for the settlement — won't be forced to recognize international law, according to a service agreement from the firm.

Natalie O'Neill, Wires

Creepy display not for H'ween

Post photos: Gabriella Bass



SPOOKED: Neighbors are disturbed by this trashy setup (inset) at a Brooklyn row house.

By LORENA MONGELLI, ALEX TAYLOR and LAURA ITALIANO

Neighbors say they've been creeped out for months by an apparent concrete and plaster "art installation" in the front yard of a Brooklyn row house owned by the sister of state Sen. Kevin Parker, who lives right across the street.

Since last December, the front yard of the two-story brick home on Avenue H in Flatlands has been an ever-evolving construction of garbage, tree limbs and odd sculptures of painted plaster, cement and aluminum foil.

"It has nothing to do with Halloween," one neighbor told The Post. "For Halloween, it's OK, but it's been there much longer than that."

"Maybe to them it's art," another neighbor guessed.

A half-dozen neighbors reached by The Post said they are wary of

complaining, given the residents' macabre decorating sense, which they variously described as "creepy," "terrible," "an eyesore" and "scary."

"A lot of people are very, very afraid of that house — I mean, honestly, I walk on the other side of the street or I don't go down there at all," said one person who lives in the area and who asked not to be named or even referred to by gender.

"At first it was black paint," that resident said. "Then it was black paint and cardboard. Then it was black paint, cardboard, and green neon flags. Things go up and things go down. I don't think anybody knows what to do."

When The Post knocked on the door of the home, a man shouted from a second-floor window, "I don't want no Halloween story!"

"Get off the property! You're play-



ing with your own self right now!"

The home, between E. 37th Street and Brooklyn Avenue, belongs to Parker's sister, Toni, and the senator lives across the street, according to public records.

Parker did not return calls to his office; no one responded at his home Thursday night and Friday.

No open complaints have been lodged against the house, according to Buildings Department records.

"I asked her what does it mean for her," another neighbor said of a recent conversation she had with the apparent homeowner. "She said she was putting it up because it made her feel better."

2 fatally mowed down

Two pedestrians — including an 8-year-old girl — were struck and killed by an out-of-control SUV in Queens on Friday, the NYPD said.

The black Range Rover was going southbound on 164th Street in Jamaica at 5:30 p.m. when the driver lost control and the car jumped the curb, hitting the girl and a 54-year-old woman, cops said.

The victims were pronounced

dead at Jamaica Hospital.

A second child also was injured. Police said the driver, a 47-year-old woman, remained on the scene. An investigation was ongoing.

"It's heartbreaking and gut-wrenching," Mayor de Blasio wrote on Twitter, adding that he and wife Chirlane McCray "are sending our prayers to their families."

Tamar Lapin

Teen 'rocks' FDNY truck

A teen smashed the windshield of an FDNY truck with a rock and pulled a knife on the Bronx firefighters — before trying to get inside the cab, officials said Friday.

The encounter unfolded just after 10:15 a.m. Thursday near Boston Road and Pelham Parkway South in Allerton, according to police and FDNY officials.

The truck slammed on the brakes

after the rock "shatter[ed] the windshield and cover[ed] the chauffeur in glass," according to the Uniformed Firefighters Association.

The teen then pulled a knife, "began to attack Ladder 41" and tried to get into the front cab, sources said.

Firefighters called for police backup and the teen was taken to Jacobi Medical Center for a psychological evaluation. *Craig McCarthy*

Health-Care Rx

How Trump's new rules will drive down costs

ON Thursday, President Trump finalized his health-insurance price-transparency rule. Count on it to revolutionize American health care.

The order requires health insurers to publish their real prices and cost-sharing information in advance so health-care consumers can easily shop for the best quality care and coverage at the lowest possible price. From MRIs to colonoscopies to prescription drugs, Americans will now be in charge of their health decisions and savings.

Combined with his already finalized hospital price-transparency rule, this will unleash a competitive, functional marketplace based on free-market principles to drive down costs. The savings to individuals, families, and businesses through consumer empowerment will deliver a substantial economic stimulus now and for generations to come.

Democrats and the mainstream media claim Trump has no health-care plan. This perspective has always been more party-line rhetoric than reality. Trump's hospital price-transparency rule, which requires providers to post their discounted cash prices and secret negotiated rates, takes effect in the new year.

And last month, Trump issued a billing-transparency order, requiring hospitals to reveal their widespread unethical billing practices, including garnishing patient paychecks, placing liens on their homes and filing lawsuits against them.

Taken together, these three price-transparency rules will create systemwide transparency that will significantly reduce rampant health-care waste, cost-inflating middlemen and price-gouging. All Americans will benefit from lower health-care and coverage prices, higher wages and a more productive economy.

Kudos to Health Secretary Alex Azar for his leadership in getting this rule over the finish line.

Armed with real prices, patients and employers (who provide health coverage for about 180 million Americans) will be put in the driver's seat of their health-care decisions. No longer will they be at the mercy of the pricing whims of the health-care industry,



Just what the doctor ordered: President Trump and HHS Secretary Alex Azar (l.) managed to push "price transparency" over the finish line.

Chris Kleponis - CNP / MEGA

blinded to prices until after their bills arrive in the mail weeks and months after treatment.

Hospitals and health-insurers' pricing power, which is almost absolute under the current opaque model, will collapse as upfront cost information empowers patients with the same financial certainty, discretion and choice that consumers enjoy in every other economic sector.

No wonder price transparency is supported by an overwhelming bipartisan majority — of about 90 percent of Americans, including 98 percent of women under 40.

Health-care cost relief is needed now. A recent report by the Kaiser Family Foundation finds that average premiums for employer-sponsored family health-care plans have increased by 55 percent over the last decade to \$21,300 per year. Including deductibles, which run roughly \$8,000 per family on average, total health coverage costs around \$30,000 per year.

According to a recent RAND report, hospital prices average 2.5 times more than what Medicare pays, and rise to three or four times in many hospital systems nationwide.

Trump's transparency efforts will make health-care consumption resemble the market for air travel, with stated prices from various competing providers and brokers. This airline analogy is especially instructive because this industry used to operate in the

dark like health care does today.

Prices and routes were heavily regulated and opaque. Travelers were forced to visit high-priced travel agents, who could price-gouge without consequence.

After airline deregulation, a free and competitive airfare market emerged, reducing prices by about 50 percent while improving quality, safety and access. Travelers can now easily shop around based on prices and quality.

Like health care, air travel has many variables — including weather, airport traffic, plane repairs, fuel prices, etc. — that affect costs. Yet airlines are able to offer upfront, clear pricing that provides travelers with financial certainty and creates a market signal for competitors to try to undercut. The health-care industry can too.

Lower health-care and coverage prices will leave more money for patients and employers. That means improved family and business budgets, increased local spending and faster wage growth. The health-care beast, which now consumes nearly a fifth of GDP, will shrink, leaving the economy freer to prosper.

Trump's price-transparency rules will prove a dramatic breakthrough for American health care, just as price deregulation did for air travel, allowing all Americans to protect their health and wealth.

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FAST TAKES

Media watch: A War To Rig the Election

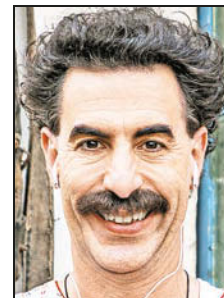
"Big Media is actively at war" with half of America, "desperately working to rig an election against them," warns The Federalist's Mollie Hemingway. They "refuse to do journalism on Joe Biden," ignoring stories like The Post's exposé on Hunter Biden's e-mails, and actually encourage social media to suppress conservatives. They hide President Trump's accomplishments, such as in foreign affairs and on the economy, and reports about his voters' enthusiasm. "They've pushed outlandish conspiracy theories" that many Americans continue to believe. And they've "gone overtime to influence public opinion with their emphasis on polls," despite big problems with those surveys. We'll find out next week if that will be enough to win the day. But no one "who cares about a free and functioning country should tolerate what they've done."

Economist: Trump's Huge Win for Workers

Joe Biden argues President Trump didn't so much build a strong economy as inherit one, notes economist Karl Smith at Bloomberg. "It's a good line — but it ignores [Trump's] successes." Trump pushed tax cuts, spending increases and low interest rates. His goal of 3 percent growth "was derided as delusional," while commentators "declared his policies reckless and irresponsible." Yet unemployment continued to fall, and "the percentage of Americans aged 25 to 54 either employed or looking for a job saw its first sustained rise since the late 1980s." That changed "the character of the labor market." Meanwhile, real median household income grew almost \$6,000, to \$68,703. "Trump proved that an aggressive growth strategy can improve the fortunes of the average American family." Whether he wins reelection or not, "That strategy should continue."

Libertarian: 'Disinformation' Double Standard

Mainstream outlets see The Post's Hunter Files reporting "as so dangerous" to Joe Biden's electoral chances that "it must be branded 'disinformation' and suppressed at all costs," sighs Reason's Robby Soave. Yet given the story's subsequent corroboration, it seems we have arrived at "a regrettable standard: Politically motivated acts of journalism are deemed 'misinformation' or 'disinformation' by the mainstream media, if they are harmful to the Democratic establishment." The double standard is especially glaring when we compare the censorship of The Post to, say, comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's disingenuous framing of Rudy Giuliani in his "Borat" sequel. "If Trump is swept out of office, and a new administration ... takes power, it will be more vital than ever for the gatekeepers to apply their standards fairly."



"Borat"

Urban beat: Ignoring Philly's Riot Victims

The fatal police shooting of a knife-wielding man in Philadelphia sparked "another round of mass looting, arson and violence," reports Thom Nickels at City Journal. Yet even as rioters wreaked havoc on the city, officials said nothing about "the community suffering the ill effects of smashed-up businesses and boarded-up banks." Such outbursts turn neighborhoods into "warzones." Yet days before the most recent riots, the city council approved a bill prohibiting police from using tear gas, pepper spray or rubber bullets on protesters. No, "demonstrators are not enemy combatants," as officials stress — "but neither are rioters demonstrators." The "anarchists, looters and common criminals made a choice to engage in mayhem," argues Nickels, and "Philly police should use whatever means are at their disposal to restore order."

Conservative: Protect Pregnant Inmates

Pregnant prisoners often endure "abhorrent and inhumane" treatment, declare Kaitlin Owens and Rebecca Hagelin at the Washington Examiner. Birthing conditions for many inmates are "unfathomably cruel." If America truly believes in "the equality of every person, it is past time we change how we treat pregnant women." With the "Protecting the Health and Wellness of Babies and Pregnant Women in Custody Act," the Senate now has a chance to guarantee adequate health care, nutritional standards and proper care for unborn children, reforming "treatment of incarcerated pregnant mothers, as well as the innocent babies" that suffer "through no fault of their own." Any government without these protections is "nothing short of barbaric."

— Compiled by The Post Editorial Board

Get Set for Elex Overtime

Election Day is almost upon us, but Election Night just might stretch on for weeks — making the 2000 count look like a stroll in the park.

That year's result turned on just one uncertain state, Florida; this year could see contested totals in multiple states, several of which are guaranteed to still be collating results for days after Nov. 3.

Some swing states won't even start counting early and mail-in ballots until the polls close. Others will honor ballots that don't arrive for several more days. And each party has lined up hundreds of lawyers for post-election litigation.

The pandemic prompted new rules and procedures across the country. Between innocent errors and partisan efforts to ensure new rules favor one side, the lawyers will have endless pretexts for suits.

It was a loyal Democrat, recall, behind the "butterfly ballot" that confused many Palm Beach, Fla., voters into checking the box for Pat Buchanan, not Al Gore, in 2000.

This spring's primaries saw more than 550,000 mail-in votes disqualified nationwide. If that had been Republicans vs. Democrats, that could've been 550,000 drawn-

out court arguments — plus appeals.

Scattered signs of chaos are already rampant, and not just New York's hours-long early-voting lines. Postal workers in Kentucky, New Jersey and Massachusetts got caught throwing away dozens of ballots. Californians are freaking out over "unsanctioned" ballot-dropoff boxes.

Plus, the FBI says that Iran and Russia may be sending death threats to registered Democrats and circulating videos with fake fraud allegations.

A good chunk of Democrats still believe Stacey Abrams' plainly false claims that she was robbed of a win in Georgia's 2018 governor's race. President Trump has regularly fed Republican fears that mail-in ballots guarantee massive fraud, while Mayor de Blasio has commissioned an Election Observers Corps, essentially a group of volunteers sent to intimidate Trump voters before the Trump voters can intimidate others first.

Several states may be unable to certify their vote totals by Nov. 28, which could prompt a deadlock in the Electoral College on Dec. 14, tossing the presidential choice to the House of Representatives in January.

Buckle up: It may be a rough ride.

Macron Stands Tall

France is under attack by "Islamist and terrorist madness," President Emmanuel Macron warned after the country saw yet another terror attack — two men knifed to death and one woman beheaded in a Nice cathedral. Worse, the savages have support in much of the Muslim world.

Thursday's horror follows a Chechen teen's beheading two weeks ago of a teacher who had shown his class pictures of the famous Charlie Hebdo cartoons of the Muslim prophet Mohammed.

Publication of the 'toons was the excuse for the 2015 slaughter of most of the magazine's staff. Various "lone wolf" jihadists have killed over 250 people in France since then. The country's never officially gone off high alert.

Macron appeared at a memorial service for the slain teacher to reaffirm his citizens'

right to free speech. And he refused to denounce the cartoons, vowing instead to fight "Islamist separatism." His government proceeded to raid Islamic associations and plans to deport 213 foreigners on a government watchlist.

In response, Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia are boycotting French products. Libya, Pakistan and Iraq have seen protests. Turkey's dictator insists Macron needs "mental treatment," while a past leader of Malaysia insists Muslims are right to "kill millions of French people."

Macron's crackdown may go beyond what's constitutional in America, but it fits the French Republic's relentless secularism.

And he's absolutely right to stand up for France's traditional freedoms — and to tell his critics in the Muslim world to go hang.

Moon Ice Revolution

Mankind is officially "one small step" closer to sustaining life on the moon long-term. Science has found two sources of water on the moon outside of its frigid polar zones.

SOFIA, the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, is a converted jet originally intended for star-tracking. It found water molecules on the sunlit lunar surface — in a cubic meter of soil, enough to fill a 12-ounce bottle.

That means future astronauts can fairly easily gather water up there, rather than bring it up from Earth's gravity well at great expense. Scientists had thought most lunar ice was in the sunless polar areas, one of the coldest known places in the Solar System, which makes it pretty inaccessible.

And a second study holds more promise: It suggests even more precious H₂O can be found in billions of tiny craters across 15,400 square miles of sunlit lunar surface, held in near-microscopic glass beads that protect it from evaporation. Getting it may be a challenge, but less so than braving temps of -400 degrees Fahrenheit.

A lander from a private space company partnering with NASA is set to test drilling equipment in 2022, and NASA will send a rover to map the water molecules and collect samples in 2023.

If this pays off, astronauts can use it for drinking, extracting oxygen and even making rocket fuel. That's a big deal, allowing not just a permanent human lunar presence, but for moving on across the Solar System.

Covering for the Bidens: Social Media Censor Games

THE ISSUE: Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey's Senate testimony on the platform's censorship of The Post.



•As the resistance to Donald Trump's presidency accelerated into de-
rangement, the reasonable voices were drowned by the "cancel culture" and social-media "deplatforming" ("Blackmailed," Oct. 29).

Now, with Facebook's and Twitter's treatment of The Post, we can clearly see their craven intent to limit what free citizens can see and read as well as the intent to influence the vote for Biden in the upcoming election.

Twitter tried to continue its freeze until it extorted a deletion. Its anti-hacking excuse did not stop it from republishing The New York Times' release of Trump's tax returns.

If it were not for double standards, Twitter, like other social-media outlets, would have no standard at all.

Stanley Rubin
Fresh Meadows

•Well, thank you, senators, for finally addressing a problem you allowed to explode in your face.

Sen. Ted Cruz, that was a nice show, but where were you while these media giants were left to explode without any oversight at all?

The Post is just another in a long line of those who have been censored for the benefit of more powerful interest groups.

John Fleming
Punta Gorda, Fla.

•Sen. Cruz's outrage at Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey before a Capitol Hill hearing was on the mark.

The founders and owners (at least for now) of social-media platforms do not own cyberspace.

If their platforms are employed inappropriately or criminally, that's

for authorities to regulate. Imagine, if Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press, or Ottomar Mergenthaler, inventor of the linotype machine, dictated what others could print.

Ron Wasserman
Freehold, NJ

•I watched the hearing on Big Tech's censorship and, to be fair, Jack Dorsey did say that if The Post had deleted the original story and re-uploaded it, it would have gone through.

I for one am in favor of removing Section 230 protections from Twitter. There are too many "mistakes" going on here.

Robert Ricci
San Mateo, Calif.

•Censorship is the method by which scoundrels hide the truth from the rest of us.

Twitter, Facebook and the majority of the media, excluding The Post, want Trump defeated, and they have taken it upon themselves to make sure that happens.

If that means dropping the fig leaf of neutrality that they've worn for years, so be it. If that means running with unsubstantiated, phony stories of Trump colluding with Russia, so be it. If that means refusing to al-

low factually supported stories of Biden family corruption, so be it.

Here's the bottom line: We may very well elect a man in a couple of days who has shown that he will use his office to enrich himself and his family and in the process, open himself up to blackmail.

If that happens, Twitter, Facebook and the media will be responsible for that catastrophe.

Steve Heitner
Middle Island

•I'm happy that these social-media giants were called to answer questions to Congress.

But I'm afraid that they think they are above the law, above repercussions, and will not take this seriously, nor will this curtail future one-sided censoring for unfounded reasons.

I don't know what the endgame of Ted Cruz's plan is here, but I'm very skeptical that anything will be done to improve this situation.

Steve Preziosa
Deptford Township, NJ

•Thank you for running a fine paper. And a special thank you for the clarity in your thorough and informative cover story about the CEO of Twitter. It really helped.

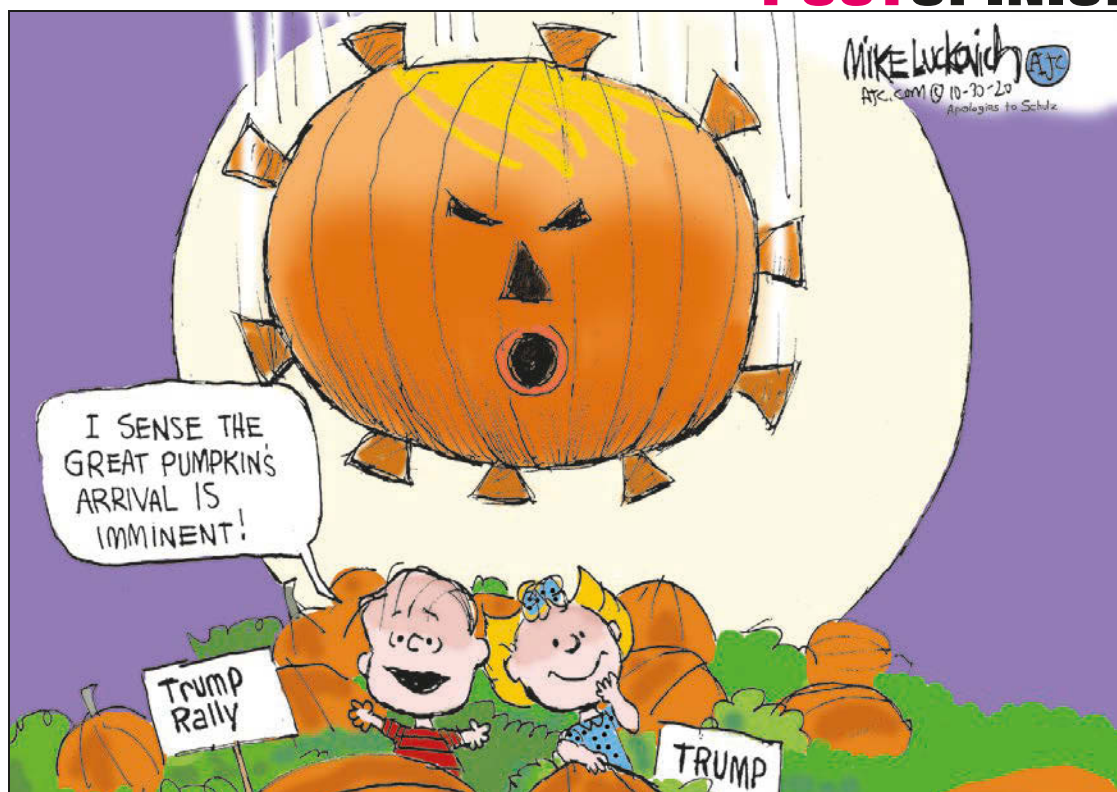
I had tuned in to watch the Senate hearing, and I thought I was watching the reincarnation of Rasputin, the charlatan and self-proclaimed holy man of the Russian imperial court.

Both of them seized power, wielding inordinate influence over the elite, the masses and the nation.

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Rumson, NJ

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DEMS' ACB TANTRUM

NOTHING threatens the progressive project more than the existence of a Supreme Court that adheres to the Constitution. It's really that simple.

That's what the tantrum over Justice Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation is all about. The notion that the same Democrats who shelved the judicial filibuster and now threaten to destroy the separation of powers with a revenge scheme to pack the Supreme Court are sticklers for process or decorum is simply ludicrous.

For one thing, no norms have been undone by the confirmation of Barrett. If Democrats won a Senate majority in 2016, Merrick Garland would already be enshrined in the Supreme Court, election or no election. Many of the same Democrats now feigning outrage over Barrett's confirmation, including Joe Biden, argued back then that it was the constitutional duty of the Senate to take up a vote. Our living constitution apparently offers contradicting directions from one election to the next.

If Trump had nominated Garland to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Democrats wouldn't have any problem placing him on the Court — not even on Nov. 2. Liberals act as if they are imbued with a theological right to dictate not only the terms but also the nominees, of confirmation hearings whether they win or lose elections.

And when you're under the impression that the system exists solely to facilitate your partisan agenda, something will seem "broken" every time you lose. When

Barack Obama was unable to pass his agenda after 2010, the system suffered from "dysfunction." But now that Democrats are in the Senate minority, employing the very same tools to slow the president, we must "fix" the Electoral College, the Senate and, most recently, the Supreme Court.

If Democrats win back the presidency in 2020, the opposition will no longer be "resisting," it will be "obstructing." The filibuster will need fixing again. The media will again obsess over the problem of "gridlock." History's trajectory



DAVID HARSANYI

arcs left, and everything else is just an impediment.

The left has been relying on the same brand of fearmongering over Republican-appointed judges for nearly 40 years. Ahead of the Barrett vote, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer claimed this "will go down as one of the darkest days in the 231-year history of the United States Senate."

To be fair, Schumer argued that a resolution against Trump's removal earlier this year was also "one of the darker moments in Senate history" and also that passage of the watered-down Republican tax-reform package was "one of the darkest ... days in the long history of this Senate." So, basically, any time Chuck Schumer loses is the new darkest day in history.

Once Barrett's confirmation be-

came a reality, however, Democrats began turning to the real problem. Originalism is the stick in the spoke of progressivism.

This crusade has the demagogues leading the idiots. The former are people such as Massachusetts Sen. Ed Markey, who alleges that "originalism is racist. Originalism is sexist. Originalism is homophobic. Originalism is just a fancy word for discrimination."

The latter are the minions who regurgitate this kind of vacuous talking point because they lack a basic comprehension of legal philosophies or civic education that includes an explainer on "amendments."

None of which is to say the radicalized contemporary left has nothing to fear. This week, Schumer warned: "A warming planet. Workers falling behind. Dark money flooding politics. The curtailing of the right to choose. The limiting of voting rights. Those are the consequences of this nomination."

What he means, of course, is that an originalist-majority court may slow progressive environmentalist policies that undermine personal freedom and local sovereignty. He means the court may make it more difficult for Democrats to adopt policies that compel workers to join and fund unions and chip away at the Janus decision.

Now, I have little doubt that a textualist court will let down partisan Republicans as well. Originalists disagree with one another quite often. But it is unlikely to overturn the traditional role of the state in American life.

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How a Principled Win Can Shift a Nation

FIFTY years ago, the nation's political atmosphere was as charged as it is today. Protests turned to violence. Financially insecure working-class folks felt threatened by racial riots and rising crime. A controversial "law and order" president, Richard Nixon, appealed to the "Silent Majority" to oppose radical leftists.

The political race that epitomized the nation's mood in 1970 took place in New York and catapulted conservative James L. Buckley into the US Senate seat previously held by Robert F. Kennedy.

After Kennedy's assassination in June 1968, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller appointed Republican Rep. Charles Goodell to fill the vacancy. Goodell was a moderate, but in the Senate he tacked hard to the left.

New York Conservative Party leaders, infuriated with Goodell, saw an opportunity to assemble a victorious coalition of disgruntled Republicans and middle-class Democrats to unseat him. To achieve that, they recruited James L. Buckley to be the party's standard bearer.



GEORGE J. MARLIN

Born in 1923, Jim Buckley, brother of conservative icon William F. Buckley Jr., served in the Navy in World War II and received his bachelor and law degrees from Yale. He got his first taste of politics in 1965 when he served as campaign manager for brother Bill's run for mayor on the Conservative line against liberal Republican John Lindsay.

Three years later, Jim agreed to be the party's Senate candidate against liberal Republican incumbent Jacob Javits, because he believed "strongly in the principles — the Republican principles — which among the parties in New York state these days the Conservative Party alone espouses."

Buckley lost that 1968 race, but his showing rocked the political

message that Americans want a new course, want new politics, and I am the voice of that new politics."

In the Senate, he introduced the "Human Life" amendment to counter the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. He was the first senator to call for Richard Nixon to resign. And he was a voice of sanity during the city's fiscal crisis, endorsing federal loans to ease the financial pressure.

When he sought re-election in 1976, Buckley was expected to beat the likely Democratic candidate, the loquacious Bella Abzug (the AOC of that time.) However, in the primary, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a last-minute entry, upset Abzug, 36 percent to 35 percent.

Back in those days, two Irish Ca-

He was a voice of sanity during the city's fiscal crisis, endorsing federal loans to ease the financial pressure.

establishment. With 1,139,500 votes, he outpolled both Javits and Democrat Paul O'Dwyer in numerous blue-collar neighborhoods.

That base vote, plus a growing number of Nixon Democrats, convinced him he could beat Goodell and Democrat Richard Ottinger in 1970.

As the Buckley campaign picked up steam, scores of Republican officials deserted Goodell. In Washington, Nixon told aides "We are dropping Goodell over the side."

On Oct. 10, Vice President Spiro Agnew came to New York and hammered Goodell as the "Christine Jorgenson of the Republican Party," referring to the first American who went to Denmark for a sex-change operation.

On Election Night, Buckley supporters gathered in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria to await the results. By midnight, it became evident Buckley would win, with 40 percent of the votes.

Buckley told his followers that his "victory in New York would telegraph across the country the

tholics running meant Buckley and Moynihan would split the blue-collar Catholic vote. As a result, the man Bill Buckley called the "sainted junior senator from New York" went down to defeat.

Jim Buckley did return to public service: In 1981, President Ronald Reagan tapped him to serve as undersecretary of state and later as president of Radio Free Europe. In December 1985, Buckley was confirmed as a judge of the US Court of Appeals for the DC circuit. He served until his retirement in 2000.

Buckley's election to the Senate 50 years ago helped form the coalition that elected Reagan in 1980 and put Donald Trump over the top in 2016. Today, at age 97, he can look back with pride knowing he served his nation and the conservative cause well in all three branches of the federal government.

George J. Marlin is the author of "Fighting the Good Fight: A History of the New York Conservative Party." His latest is "Mario Cuomo: The Myth and the Man."

The Post Puzzle Page

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TODAY'S ANSWER

PAR SCORE 170-180

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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N-S vulnerable

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♦ A
♣ K Q 6

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♣ 10 8 3

EAST
♠ 7 2
♥ A
♦ J 10 7 5 3
♣ J 9 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 10 9 6 4
♦ K 9 6
♣ A 5

South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ K

Word Force

HELIOTROPE

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 22** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN MONDAY'S POST
Yesterday's word:
FLATBREAD

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after	bated	bread	fated	rated
alert	beard	dealt	feral	table
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Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

HALLOWEEN IS HERE! Solution: 7 letters

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To solve a Su Doku, you must put a number from 1 to 9, in each empty box. Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids. Impossible? Not once you get the hang of it. Tips and in depth strategies at www.SudokuWiki.org

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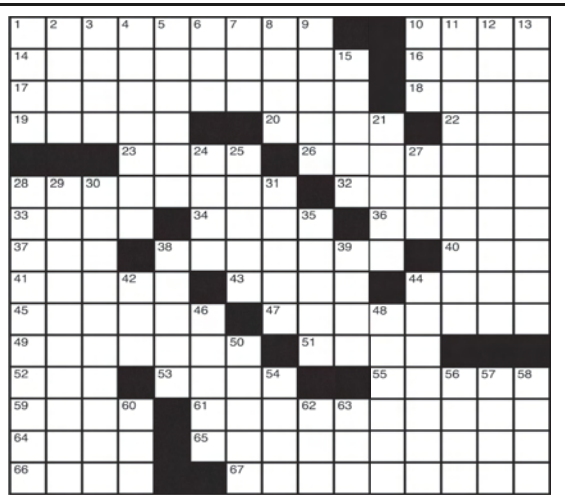
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Quick Crossword

- Across**
1 One of the alkali metals
10 Enjoy a meal, with "down"
14 Lacking taste, say
16 Yul's "Solomon and Sheba" co-star
17 Where fajitas may be seen
18 Senior suffix
19 Ability
20 Breaks down
22 Big extinct bird
23 "Frozen" snowman
26 Chem lab substance
28 Casino option
32 Exercise apparel
33 Out of control
34 Increase
36 Fungal rye disease
37 Wheel part
38 Attack, as with questions
40 Org. monitoring gas prices
41 Pram occupant's diaper
43 Lily: Utah state flower
44 W.E.B. Du Bois' Tennessee alma mater
45 Looks of contempt
47 Maker of Contadina products
49 Shakespeare's fairy queen
51 Evening in Paris
52 Dedictory lines
53 Wings with rooms
55 fog
59 Outer layer
61 1963 Johnny Thunder hit
64 Footwear for the stealthy, maybe
65 "Where's everyone else?"
66 Originate
67 Like some eggs
- Down**
1 With 31-Down, finalizes, in publishing
2 Short race
3 Approach the gate, perhaps
4 Wrestling maneuver
5 Blanche's sister, in a Williams play
6 Number before Number?
7 Belief suffix
8 Pickup cousins, briefly



9 Inconsequential
10 Movie SFX
11 Request before reaching 21?
12 Savory baked bread
13 Hung in the balance
15 Dice, e.g.
21 Shortened a log
24 Ship that encountered Sirens
25 Rural spreads
27 Switz. neighbor
28 Campaigns rurally
29 "That was so stupid of me!"
30 Skills
31 See 1-Down
35 Pay
38 Talking Heads lead singer
David
39 Cone-like candy
42 Little veggie
44 Patti Austin album dedicated to a legendary jazz vocalist
46 Frivolous
48 Piercing locale, perhaps
50 Disinterested
54 Whiskey

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER
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56 Palindromic time
57 Grammy honoree
58 Duel tool
60 Mil. decoration
62 With "fix," it describes itself
63 Land's end?

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Smoked out

Juul said Friday it helped Chinese officials take down an alleged counterfeiter. Juul said the manufacturer sold \$324,000 worth of fake Juul vaping products under the name Sour-vape Technology.

'Fresh' move

Nestlé said it bought meal delivery company Freshly. The deal values the weekly subscription service at \$950 million.

eBay boors

Two more (of a total of seven) accused former eBay employees have admitted they aided in a campaign to terrorize a couple who published blog posts critical of the firm.

'Trill'ing IPO

Retail investors bid a record \$3 trillion for shares in Ant Group's dual listing. The Alibaba-backed Chinese financial firm is expected to raise \$34.4 billion in the world's biggest IPO.

Gobbled up?

Turkey farmers and grocers are scrambling to predict holiday sales, with millions of Americans expected to have scaled-down Thanksgiving feasts amid the pandemic. Kroger — the nation's largest grocery chain — said it purchased more turkeys than usual but is predicting an increase in demand for turkey alternatives, including plant-based products.

Sources: AP, Dow Jones, Reuters, Wires

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DRUDGE TRUDGE

Drop in site's traffic since turning against prez

By KEITH J. KELLY

The Drudge Report posted a 45 percent decline in Web traffic in September as the site alienated its core readers by turning against President Trump ahead of the 2020 election.

The data — derived from Comscore, which tracks the industry — were released in a report by TheRighting, a Web site that analyzes traffic to right-leaning Web sites.

TheRighting told The Post that the Drudge Report had 1,291,000 unique visitors in September, according to data supplied by Comscore, down from 2,340,000 in the same month a year ago.

September's eye-popping decline marks the ninth month in a row that the political-news-aggregation Web site run by reclusive founder Matt Drudge has seen traffic fall, TheRighting said.

The plunge comes at a time when demand for political news has been soaring on both sides of the aisle leading up to a highly charged presidential election.

And experts say it's directly tied to the Drudge Report's sudden and unexpected switch earlier this year from a conservative-leaning news outlet to one

'Left' behind

Matt Drudge is paying the price for turning on President Trump after helping The Donald reach the White House in 2016. Traffic to his Drudge Report Web site is way down, while those of right-leaning sites are up. After the 2016 election, Matt was reportedly invited to the White House, but Trump is now criticizing the turncoat.



Drudge Report unique visitors in September

DOWN 45%



UP
Fox News 104.1M **9%**
CNN 144.5M **11%**
WaPo 91.6M **3%**

that's decidedly anti-Trump.

"It's catastrophic what has happened to his Web traffic," said Matt Lysiak, author of "The Drudge Revolution."

"He's on a fast track to ir-

relevance." Lysiak says some of the Drudge Report's suffering can be traced to competition from social-media services like Twitter.

"But what accelerated his decline is when he shifted

to the left and turned on Trump and lost many of his core readers.

By any criteria, this shift was a complete disaster for him," Lysiak said.

"Liberals are never going to love Drudge, even if he's

not linking to stories about Hunter Biden and Joe Biden," Lysiak said of the Web site that made its name in the 1990s by being the first outlet to report on the brewing Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"They'll always remember what happened with Bill Clinton."

Drudge had been an ardent promoter of Donald Trump in the run-up to the 2016 election and was reportedly invited to the White House in 2017.

But the site and its founder have drawn criticism from readers, including the president, for linking to largely negative stories about the president in recent months.

Stories topping the Drudge Report on Friday included a link to a Washington Post article about Trump's public musings over a potential loss to Joe Biden and a Pennlive.com story about growing regional delays in the US Postal Service's delivery times.

"It's gone the way of the @NBA, ratings down 70%. People want the TRUTH! Drudge Report sold out, suffered a massive 'nervous breakdown'. Happening @FoxNews also???" the president tweeted earlier this month.

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October 'demise': Marts' real bad month

The Dow Jones Industrial Average declined Friday, closing out its worst week and month since March in the final lap of the presidential race.

Volatility reigned in the week before the Tuesday election. Investors have been spooked by a record high in coronavirus infections in the U.S., fresh lockdowns in Europe that threaten economic growth and a mixed bag of earnings report from big technology companies.

"Markets are concerned that we

are replaying February and March," said Chris Beauchamp, chief market analyst at IG Group. "It probably still isn't in that category yet, but it is heading in the wrong direction."

The Dow dropped 157.51 points (0.6 percent) to 26501.60 on Friday, paring its declines in the session's final moments. The blue-chip index shed 6.5 percent for the week, marking its worst weekly performance since the height of the pandemic-induced market tumult.

The S&P 500 fell 40.15 points (1.2 percent) to 3269.96. The benchmark index is now up just 1.2 percent in 2020. The Nasdaq Composite dropped 274 points (2.4 percent) to 10911.59 following a sharp selloff in big tech stocks.

All three indexes suffered losses of more than 2 percent for October, their second consecutive month of declines. After a remarkable run since late March, stocks peaked in early September — only to tumble

on worries the market had run too far too fast.

Although economic data and corporate earnings have improved lately, many investors fear the impact of another round of lockdowns in the event the number of coronavirus cases continues to increase.

US households boosted spending in September, according to the Commerce Department. But economists expressed concerns that many remain left out of a recovery. Dow Jones

\$acré bleu! French 'mouse' trap

Disneyland Paris is temporarily closing again as France enters a second nationwide lockdown to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The closure, which took hold at the end of the day Thursday, is another blow for Disney, which has been trying to reopen its flagship Disneyland park in California.

Disneyland Paris, which had reopened July 15 following a mid-March shutdown along with the rest of Disney's parks, said in a statement that

the closure is "in line with the latest direction from the French authorities" and that it hopes to reopen for the holiday season.

The theme park said it will be taking reservations from Dec. 19 through Jan. 3 "and hope[s] to be open based on prevailing conditions and government guidance at that time," adding that it will be closed after that, from Jan. 4 through Feb. 12.

French President Emmanuel Macron said Wednesday that the coun-

try would go in lockdown that will last until at least Dec. 1. Nonessential businesses, restaurants and bars will be closed starting Monday as the country battles a surge in coronavirus infections that hospitals warn could cause capacity issues.

Last month, the company said it plans to lay off 28,000 workers at its California and Florida theme parks.

Alexandra Steigrad



Apple's un-appy results

Apple's lucrative App Store fees could be slashed by regulators to the tune of billions of dollars a year, the company warned Friday.

The iPhone maker said in its most recent annual report that the growing regulatory pressures targeting Big Tech could have a major impact on its bottom line.

"If the rate of the commission that [Apple] retains on [App Store] sales is reduced, or if it is otherwise narrowed in scope or eliminated, the company's financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected," the company wrote in its 10-K report.

Apple earlier this month was excoriated by the House Judiciary Committee's anti-trust panel, which accused it — along with Facebook, Amazon and Google parent Alphabet — of becoming "the kinds of monopolies we last saw in the era of oil barons and railroad tycoons."

Apple approves every app that gets onto its App Store, which is the only way to get software onto the company's iPhones and iPads. The California-based tech giant charges developers a 30 percent commission for in-app purchases and restricts them from telling users about cheaper options.

In 2019 the App Store processed \$61 billion worth of purchases that were eligible for the 30 percent cut.

Nicolas Vega

iPhone doubt slams stock

Apple's decision not to give any iPhone 12 sales guidance during its Thursday earnings call cost it some \$100 billion.

Shares of Apple were down more than 5 percent since it reported its fourth-quarter earnings.

At issue is the fact that the coronavirus pandemic delayed the production and release of the hotly anticipated iPhone 12, which normally releases earlier in the fall but this year did not hit stores until late October, meaning investors were unable to properly gauge sales.

Nicolas Vega

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Piping hot Papa John's hits ad firm's \$6M 'extort' try

By LISA FICKENSCHER

Papa John's founder John Schnatter has claimed his spectacular ouster from the pizza chain last year was orchestrated by an advertising firm that was trying to extort \$6 million from him — and now he claims that he has the tapes to prove it.

The embattled fast-food tycoon — who last year left the company's board amid growing unrest over a leaked recording of a conference call in which he used the N-word — claimed in court papers filed this month that the May 2018 call was a setup by Laundry Service, an ad firm that had been doing business with Papa John's.

Specifically, Schnatter — who has insisted from the start that the hubbub was the result of a plot against him — now claims his legal team has discovered the existence of a recording of Laundry Service executives speaking among themselves

Delivering a heated response

John Schnatter claims that an ad firm smeared him in an extortion attempt, resulting in his ouster as head of the pizza-delivery chain over his use of the N-word on a conference call.



after Schnatter hung up from the infamous conference call on May 22, 2018.

According to a July 2018 Forbes report, Schnatter and the ad execs on the call were doing a role-playing exercise that included ques-

tions about racism. Asked how he would separate himself from racist groups online, Schnatter reportedly said that KFC founder Colonel Sanders never got backlash for using the N-word — comments that

Schnatter later owned up to and said he regretted.

"There is no mistaking Laundry Service's ill-intent," the court filing adds, alleging that the ad execs plotted to "put Mr. Schnatter in front of a hostile in-

terviewer in front of a live audience to make comments that would inevitably be misconstrued and used against him."

The new filing has been redacted and doesn't contain any specific, smoking-gun excerpts from the recording. The tape was made by Tim Polder, a former Laundry Service employee who also gave a deposition about it, according to court documents.

Laundry Service argues that details about Polder's deposition should remain sealed, but Schnatter's lawyers are asking the court to unseal them to reveal "approximately six lines of testimony from the deposition" discussing that call, according to court papers.

Laundry Service, which is part of entertainment mogul Casey Wasserman's media group, denied it leaked the recording. A spokesperson for Wasserman Media Group declined to comment on Friday.

Twitter tumbles 21%

Twitter's stock price plunged Friday as the social network added far fewer users than Wall Street expected in the third quarter.

The San Francisco-based tech giant's shares closed down 21.1 percent at \$41.36 a day after it reported having 187 million average monetizable daily active users from July to September, an increase of just 1 million from the prior quarter.

The daily-active-users figure

marked a 29 percent increase from the same period last year but fell well short of Wall Street analysts' expectations for 195.2 million users.

Twitter also predicted a rocky three months ahead as it navigates the presidential election and scrutiny of its attempts to limit political disinformation.

Third-quarter revenues climbed 14 percent from last year to \$936 million. Noah Manskar, Wires

Google ad comeback

Google parent Alphabet's stock price surged early Friday as the search giant's advertising revenues recovered from a coronavirus-fueled collapse.

Shares in the Silicon Valley conglomerate were up 6.2 percent in premarket trading at \$1,664.48 as of 8:19 a.m. after it posted third-quarter revenues of nearly \$46.2 billion — up 14 percent from a year ago and well above Wall Street analysts'

expectations of \$42.9 billion. The stock ended the day up 3.4 percent, at \$1,621.01.

The jump was fueled by a rebound in Google ad sales after they tumbled in the spring as the pandemic hit advertisers' spending. Ad revenues from Google search, YouTube and other units about \$37.1 billion from July to September, up 9.7 percent from a year ago.

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Windy Green Bay. weather may spook your fantasy hopes



IT WOULDN'T be Halloween weekend in 2020 without a scary fantasy scenario unfolding.

Harrowing winds could spook fantasy interests in the passing game options in Sunday's Vikings-Packers clash in Green Bay.

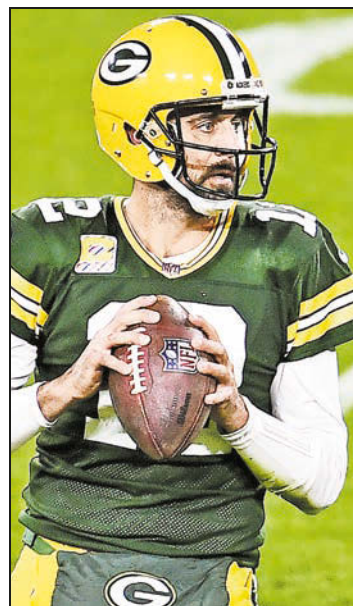
Sustained 20 mph winds are expected, which itself is right at the threshold for troubling. But there is another monster under the bed: Some forecasts call for gusts as high as 40 or 50 mph.

But that isn't the only game that could face some wild gales. The forecasts in Cleveland and, to a lesser degree, Chicago and Buffalo are troubling as well.

Such environments would send fantasy owners scurrying into the waiver wires woods for safety or digging for cover among bench options.

Basically, we never really consider weather in our starting decisions unless it is extreme weather. And even then, that doesn't necessarily ground offenses. Who can forget LeSean McCoy running wild on the Lions in 2013, Tom Brady and the Patriots torching the Titans, 59-0, in a 2009 snowstorm — a game that included 380 passing yards and six touchdowns by Brady.

The rain, the cold, the snow ... none of that matters as much as the wind. And that is a factor quite difficult to catalogue, as the Madman found in his search for relevant data.



AARON RODGERS
Will be facing windy conditions.

The most recent high-profile wind game we recall was the Falcons-Eagles NFC Championship following the 2004 season — when sustained 26 mph winds, with gusts of around 40 mph, grounded both passing games. Donovan McNabb and Michael Vick combined for 316 total passing yards, two TDs and one interception.

So naturally, you worry about passing games with quarterbacks who aren't known for arm strength — like Kirk Cousins. That puts Adam Thielen and Justin Jefferson's production in jeopardy. Ryan Tannehill, Baker Mayfield, Drew Brees, Nick Foles or Cam Newton in gusty conditions? Not attractive. And they sink receiving options with them.

But what about someone with a stronger arm, like Aaron Rodgers or Josh Allen? First, wind plus a Bill Belichick defense conjures concerns about Allen. But Rodgers also is not immune. And as pinpoint as he has been most of this season (in all weeks but one, really), he doesn't have the same kind of cannon he did in his youth.

We went through weather conditions of every game Rodgers has played, and we found eight times in which he faced winds of 18 mph or more. Of those eight games, he tallied more than 20 fantasy points just twice.

His numbers in those games lag compared to his career averages: completion percentage down 6 percent, yards per game down nearly 10 percent, TDs per game down 11 percent, INTs up 6 percent, fantasy points down 11 percent.

Then you have more reliance on the ground game. Additional rushing by both teams means faster games, which means fewer points, which means fewer fantasy points.

So monitor the weather. If the forecast is for sustained winds of 20 or more, with the possibility of gusts of 30 or more, you probably will want to bail on your fantasy options in those games.

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SEVEN-YEAR PLAN

By DAN MARTIN

Giancarlo Stanton will not opt out of the final seven years of his contract to become a free agent.

Still owed \$218 million over the course of the 13-year, \$325 million deal he signed with the Marlins in 2014, Stanton is now on the Yankees’ books through 2027, with a \$10 million buyout — or another \$25 million salary — in 2028.

As part of the agreement the Yankees made with Miami when they traded for Stanton in December 2017, the Marlins will pay the Yankees \$30 million of his remaining contract since he did not opt out of the deal.

Stanton, who will turn 31 on Nov. 8, foreshadowed the news on Instagram earlier this month when he captioned a picture of himself hitting at Yankee Stadium with “We’ll be back.”

He’s due to make \$29 million in each of the next two seasons before a bump to \$32 million per year from 2023-25.

With the Yankees expected to try to get under the \$210 million luxury tax threshold next season, the presence of Stanton and Gerrit Cole — who will make \$36 million — will no doubt limit what they do elsewhere.

They officially declined J.A. Happ’s \$17 million team option, making the 38-year-old a free agent, and will have to look for additional starting pitching.

The DH spot, meanwhile, appears to be locked up for the foreseeable future.

Stanton opts into contract, while Happ hits the market

Stanton arrived with much fanfare after Derek Jeter took over the Marlins, also trading Christian Yelich to the Brewers and Marcell Ozuna to the Cardinals to shed salary.

The trade for Stanton also basically took the Yankees out of the sweepstakes for Manny Machado and Bryce Harper the following year.

Stanton’s tenure with the Yankees has been marred by injuries interspersed with flashes of the power that led him to the NL MVP in 2017, when he hit 59 homers before being shipped out of Miami.

He has been hampered by lower-body injuries and a torn bicep that have helped limit Stanton to just 41 regular season games over the past two seasons.

Still, when healthy, Stanton remains one of the most feared hitters in the game — which he showed last postseason.

After a mostly miserable 2020, in which he landed on the injured list again and then seemed lost at the plate heading into the playoffs, Stanton erupted in the postseason, going 8-for-26 with six homers against the Indians and Rays.

The Yankees have to hope to get more of that out of Stanton, especially since general manager Brian Cashman said

after the season that Stanton is likely to be a full-time DH to help him stay healthy.

“Given the injuries we experienced with him thus far, the safe bet is for him to focus at DH,” Cashman said. “Just this postseason, you could see what he’s capable of doing. Whenever he’s healthy, he seems to hit.”

As for Happ, the left-hander had an up and down 2020 season, and was skipped in the rotation early on before bouncing back to pitch to a 1.93 ERA over a six-start stretch. He pitched just once in the playoffs, when Happ allowed four runs in 2 2⁄3 innings in a Game 2 loss to the Rays in the ALDS.

He expressed displeasure at how he was used over the course of the season and implied the Yankees were manipulating his workload to keep him from reaching the numbers that would make his \$17 million option kick in for 2021.

Happ fell short of those numbers and the Yankees unsurprisingly didn’t pick up their team option. In 2018, after his arrival prior to the trade deadline, Happ was 7-0 with a 2.69 ERA in 11 starts, but pitched poorly in an ALDS start against the Red Sox.

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Golf

PGA Tour- Bermuda Championship
At Port Royal Golf Course; Southampton, Bermuda; Purse: \$4 million; Yardage: 6,842; Par: 71

Second Round Suspended Due To Darkness

Ryan Armour	64-70	134	-8
Wyndham Clark	66-68	134	-8
Kramer Hickok	67-68	135	-7
Ollie Schniederjans	66-70	136	-6
Doc Redman	65-71	136	-6
Denny McCarthy	70-67	137	-5
Luke Donald	69-68	137	-5
Roger Sloan	67-70	137	-5
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	71-66	137	-5
Scott Piercy	67-70	137	-5
Peter Malnati	63-74	137	-5
Emiliano Grillo	66-72	138	-4
Brian Gay	70-68	138	-4
Brice Garnett	68-70	138	-4
Padraig Harrington	67-71	138	-4
Anirban Lahiri	68-70	138	-4
Doug Ghim	64-74	138	-4
Beau Hossler	71-68	139	-3
Troy Merritt	69-70	139	-3
Chesson Hadley	68-71	139	-3
Mark Anderson	69-70	139	-3
Matt Jones	68-71	139	-3
Peter Uihlein	72-67	139	-3
Michael Glogic	68-71	139	-3
Vaughn Taylor	65-75	140	-2
Stewart Cink	66-74	140	-2
Sepp Straka	70-70	140	-2
David Hearn	68-72	140	-2
Kyung-Hoon Lee	70-70	140	-2
Eric Dugas	66-74	140	-2
Maverick McNealy	69-71	140	-2
Luke List	68-72	140	-2
Max Homa	69-71	140	-2
Adam Schenk	69-71	140	-2
Johnson Wagner	66-74	140	-2
Hunter Mahan	66-75	141	-1
Robert Streb	67-74	141	-1
Aaron Wise	68-73	141	-1
Fred Funk	69-72	141	-1
Patrick Rodgers	68-73	141	-1
Scott Stallings	68-73	141	-1
Will Gordon	69-72	141	-1
Danny Willett	67-74	141	-1
Russell Knox	67-74	141	-1
Will Zalatoris	69-72	141	-1
Rasmus Hojgaard	70-71	141	-1
Cameron Percy	70-72	142	E
Andrew Putnam	69-73	142	E
Hudson Swafford	67-75	142	E
D.J. Trahan	67-75	142	E
Ricky Barnes	71-71	142	E
Joseph Bramlett	69-73	142	E

John Senden 68-74 142 E
Kevin Tway 68-74 142 E
D.A. Points 70-72 142 E
Ryan Brehm 68-74 142 E
Champions Tour- TimberTech Championship
At The Old Course at Broken Sound; Boca Raton, Fla.; Purse: \$2 million; Yardage: 6,906; Par: 72

First Round			
John Daly	33-31	64	-8
Jim Furyk	32-32	64	-8
Duffy Waldorf	30-35	65	-7
Scott Parel	33-32	65	-7
Bernhard Langer	33-32	65	-7
Robert Karlsson	31-34	65	-7
Joe Durant	33-33	66	-6
Brett Quigley	34-32	66	-6
Jeff Sluman	33-34	67	-5
Cameron Beckman	34-33	67	-5
Kent Jones	34-33	67	-5
Dudley Hart	31-36	67	-5
Tim Petrovic	33-34	67	-5
Steve Flesch	35-32	67	-5
David Toms	32-35	67	-5
Kevin Sutherland	32-35	67	-5
Scott Hoch	33-34	67	-5
Tom Kite	33-34	67	-5
Retief Goosen	34-33	67	-5
European Tour- Aphrodite Hills Cyprus Open At The Aphrodite Hills Resort; Paphos, Cyprus; Purse: \$1.2 million; Yardage: 6,299; Par: 70			
Second Round Suspended For Darkness			
Richard Mcevoy, England	66-66	132	-10
Sami Valimaki, Finland ...	65-67	132	-10
David Drysdale, Scotland ..	65-67	132	-10
Shubhankar Sharma, India ..	67-66	133	-9
Johannes Veerman, U.S. .	64-69	133	-9
Jordan Smith, England	67-66	133	-9
Benjamin Hebert, France ..	69-64	133	-9
Callum Shinkwin, England ..	67-66	133	-9
Thomas Detry, Belgium....	66-67	133	-9

College Football

East
Maryland 45, Minnesota 44, OT
Midwest
Southern Illinois 20, SE Missouri State 17
Southwest
Tulsa 34, East Carolina 30
West
Wyoming 31, Hawaii 7

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Daily Horoscope

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♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Do you listen to someone who seems to know what they are talking about, or do you follow your instincts, which tell you they are talking nonsense? On this occasion, while the moon is full, it might actually be best to do nothing at all.

♊ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Stick with what you know and trust and don't be tempted to try new methods and routines. Others may tell you that you need to move with the times but if something works for you then it really doesn't matter that it looks "old-fashioned".

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Today's full moon may make it difficult to get through to someone you live or work with, but keep trying because it's essential that you keep channels of communication open. Chances are they can hear you all right, but may

not want to answer.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

If your sixth sense tells you that someone is not being honest with you today you would be smart to heed it. You may not know why you are being lied to but you know better than to ignore your instincts. They've saved you many times in the past.

♐ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Even though something you once had high hopes for seems to have fizzled out, it has not been a complete waste of time and energy. You've learned a lot in recent weeks, and that knowledge will help you do better with your next big project.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

It might be wise to keep a lower

than usual profile today - unless you want to provide your rivals with a tempting target. That might not be easy as you are such a larger-than-life character but it will be worth the effort, and save you money too.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

If you make a move without asking a partner's or loved one's approval today you will never hear the end of it. The full moon in your sign is a clear cosmic warning that you need to stay in other people's good books, whatever it takes.

♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Don't feel you have to go along with other people's social plans today. If you would prefer to spend some time by yourself then let them know. They may or may not understand but what

you need to understand is that your needs come first.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

If a friend or co-worker gives you a hard time today try not to react in kind. The current full moon will play havoc with other people's emotional wellbeing and they in turn may take it out on you. They just can't help themselves.

♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

The more others say you should be doing this or doing that, the more you must tell them to mind their own business. On the work front, especially, you need to stand up for yourself. Remind your co-workers that Leos lead, they don't follow.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

The planets warn that what you see over the next 24 to 48 hours is only half the picture, and maybe not even as much as that. Despite what others might say you are under no obligation to make decisions that affect your future right away.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You must not be too proud to accept assistance today if it is offered. Don't worry that you might be in someone's debt if you let them do things for you. Chances are they are doing it from the goodness of their heart and will want nothing in return.

BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

Not only is there a full moon on your birthday but with Uranus strong as well you must expect some pretty big changes over the coming 12 months. You won't be able to stop them but you will be able to profit from them, so stay sharp at all times.

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Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day

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Lock Record: 13 for 25 (52%)
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Happy Halloween! Weather clears. The Bold Ruler is 1 of 3 stakes on the holiday card...**ADIOS AMIGOS** can wave goodbye to this field in the opener. Turf to dirt for Terranova. 0 for 2 on dirt but ran 2nd here this distance in June after getting parked wide with Castellano up. **SHANDIAN** moved lower, graduated handily on his 18th attempt. Rosario picks up the Monmouth invader. **KABOB** won at 2nd asking, then 2nd behind a runaway winner. **BRILLIANT BROOKS** (Finger Lakes) and **CAUSE I SAID SO** (Monmouth) enter off maiden breakers as well.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Cause I Said So(L),120	M Franco	1-7-2	Nevin	6-1
2	Brilliant Brooks(L),120	E Cancel	1-4-3	Englehart	4-1
3	Kabob(L),120	D Davis	2-1-10	Handal	5-1
4	Shandian(L),120	J Rosario	1-7-5	Potts	2-1
5	No More Miracles(L),121	L Saez	5-8-6	Donk	12-1
6	Adios Amigos(L),123	J Castellano	8-6-1	Terranova II	9-2
7	Starship Bubba(L),120	I Ortiz, Jr	11-7-7	Noda	8-1
8	Bank Gala(L),123	B Hernandez	4-9-1	Ferraro	15-1

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On the turf, maybe. **KITTEN BY THE SEA** raced evenly 2nd best to a next out winner. Stretches to proven distance. Pletcher gets J Ortiz back. **TONED UP** earned diploma on dirt, this distance at Monmouth, 11th attempt. 0 for 5 on grass; Saez at a price. **PRINCESS FAWZIA** ran 3rd, a length back of top pick. Runnerup previous 3 vs. similar. Irad rides for Rice. **MICROMILLION** moves higher after rallying to win 2 in a row. **CANDY FLOWER** fell lower; broke maiden wire to wire here at distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	Candy Flower(L),120	M Franco	1-4-2	Motion	8-1
3	Toned Up(L),120	L Saez	1-2-4	Hills	20-1
4	Micromillion(L),120	J Lezcano	1-1-7	Kantarmaci	6-1
5	Princess Fawzia(L),118	I Ortiz, Jr	3-2-2	Rice	3-1
1	a-La Piu Bella(L),122	D Davis	4-6-2	Saville	12-1
6	More Mango(L),113	L Cardenas	4-5-1	Ferraro	20-1
7	Corey Scores(L),122	E Cancel	4-7-3	Rice	8-1
8	Magnetique(L),118	K Carmouche	3-5-1	Nevin	20-1
9	Kitten by the Sea(L),124	J Ortiz	2-7-3	Pletcher	2-1
1A	a-R V Treasure(L),120	J Velazquez	4-1-2	Saville	12-1
10	Kemba(L),120	J Rosario	5-1-3	Handal	8-1
11	Girl of Tosconova(L),122	J Lezcano	1-4-4	Baker	5-2
12	First Dawn(L),115	L Cardenas	8-2-5	Williams	12-1
13	Lem Me Have It(L),122	Rider TBA	4-1-5	Rodriguez	3-1

3 7 fur; \$80,000; mdn; 3up

Noise from **THE SOUND** in his opener. Showed the way but tired after burning the 1/4 in :22.2. Another try, same distance. Castellano on the Kentucky shipper. **DREAMS OF TOMORROW** Turf to dirt for Shug. Placed 2nd racing 7/8 on dirt upstate under J Ortiz. **RISK PROFILE** 3rd best last pair. Again? Irad rides for Chad Brown. **DEMOCRATIC VALUES** finished 2nd of 4, well back of a next out victor.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	Per Diem(L),120	D Davis	2-4-x	Kobiskie	15-1
1	a-Democratic Values(L),120	J Rosario	2-5-x	Abreu	4-1
3	Bourbon Rising(L),120	L Saez	4-4-x	Hennig	12-1
1A	a-Risk Profile(L),120	I Ortiz, Jr	3-3-5	C Brown	4-1
4	Dreams of Tomorrow(L),120	J Ortiz	4-2-2	McGaughey III	7-2
5	Instinctive Rhythm(L),120	M Franco	3-3-2	Weaver	5-1
6	The Sound(L),120	J Castellano	2-x-x	Cox	4-5

4 1 mile(T); \$82,000; alw; 3up

We have Castellano winning his 3rd of the day with **GRADED ON A CURVE**. Chad Brown gelding is now 3 for 5 at Belmont after winning by a gutsy head, this distance. **SINGAPORE TRADER** Turf to dirt for DePaz after scoring at Pimlico. 0 for 3 on grass but trainer has been successful switching surfaces. **MADE MY DAY** moved lower, responded, graduating in a photo finish here. Competitively spotted. J Ortiz replaces Castellano. **YES AND YES** led, settled 3rd with comparable. Dangerous, cutting back to a mile. **OLD DOMINION** 2 for 4, never off board this distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Milton the Monster(L),120	K Carmouche	1-4-3	Vega	20-1
2	Forever Wicked(L),120	B Hernandez	4-8-10	Dharamjit	30-1
3	Singapore Trader(L),124	J Lezcano	1-7-3	DePaz	6-1
4	Creative Style(L),122	E Cancel	1-7-2	Rodriguez	7-2

5	Made My Day(L),122	J Ortiz	1-7-4	Stidham	5-1
6	Kumar(L),122	J Alvarado	1-2-5	Rodriguez	5-2
7	Old Dominion(L),124	L Saez	2-2-3	Saville	8-1
8	Lomu(L),117	L Cardenas	7-12-1	MacKinnon	30-1
9	Yes and Yes(L),124	D Davis	3-8-1	Gleaves	9-2
10	Willing to Speed(L),122	M Franco	6-2-3	Atras	6-1
11	Graded On a Curve(L),124	J Castellano	1-2-1	C Brown	6-5
12	Zealous(L),124	L Saez	1-6-4	Bond	5-1

5 7 fur; \$80,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies. **LIAMS MISSY** (2nd at Monmouth) and **WHITE FROST** (4th at Belmont) make their 2nd career starts. Liams Missy pulled down the superior fig and figures to get more out of the additional 1/8. And Irad rides the debuting **JOURNEYTOTHEMOON** for Trombetta.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Treasure Lane ,119	J Ortiz	6-x-x	McGaughey III	6-1
2	White Frost ,119	J Alvarado	4-x-x	Mott	5-2
3	Liam's Missy ,119	D Davis	2-x-x	Hills	7-5
4	Cause to Dream ,119	E Cancel	x-x-x	Henry	15-1
5	Firing Carol ,119	J Martinez	x-x-x	Legall	15-1
6	Journeytothemoon ,119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Trombetta	7-2
7	Refund Country ,119	L Saez	x-x-x	Dharamjit	10-1

6 1 1/2 miles(T); \$80,000; Zagora; 3up(f)

Going long on the lawn in the Zagora. **HUNGRY KITTEN** may be ready for 12 furlongs after finishing full of run to win at 10, then 11. Euro bred **MUTAMAKINA** makes US debut for Clement. About 1/2 dozen short in a group 1 before crossing the pond. 2nd best lone try at this marathon distance. 1st time lasix; 1st time Rosario. **LEMON ZIP** Longshot has 2 wins at distance but was left 5 lengths short in a stake here this summer. Blinks on. **LUCKY STRIDE** made turf debut at Monmouth and finished well for 3rd in a 100k. May thrive stretching out. **LUCK MONEY** nipped allowance racing shorter at Keeneland. Never off board making 9 starts on the lawn.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Beau Belle(L),122	L Saez	6-3-4	Albertrani	4-1
2	Mutamakina(M),122	J Rosario	8-8-5	Clement	5-2
3	Cap de Creus(L),122	J Velazquez	2-1-5	Pletcher	15-1
4	Lemon Zip(L),122	D Davis	9-4-8	Saville	15-1
5	Olympic Games(L),122	I Ortiz, Jr	5-2-2	Clement	5-1
6	Luck Money(L),118	J Castellano	1-3-2	Delacour	8-1
7	Lucky Stride(L),122	M Franco	3-5-1	Trombetta	6-1
8	Cambeliza ,122	J Alvarado	2-1-7	Delacour	12-1
9	Hungry Kitten(L),124	J Ortiz	1-1-6	McGaughey III	5-1

7 6 1/2 fur; \$72,000; alw; 3up

Taking **SOUTH AFRICA** right back. Took charge, opened up, graduating by open lengths. Well spotted as is **JERRY THE NIPPER**. Pletcher colt broke maiden in similar fashion. Won by 6+ leading at every call at Big A in February. **RIKEN** Runnerup twice here this meet. Winner twice here during summer meet. Has speed to match top pair; contender.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Notorious Flirt(L),120	E Cancel	3-4-1	Rice	10-1
2	The Last Ace(L),120	J Ortiz	12-1-x	Morrison	6-1
3	Big Thicket(L),123	I Ortiz, Jr	6-7-3	Rodriguez	6-1
4	Jerry the Nipper(L),120	J Lezcano	1-2-x	Pletcher	5-2
5	Jemography(L),123	J Alvarado	1-2-4	Hennig	15-1
6	Riken(L),116	L Cardenas	2-2-4	Donk	7-2
7	Troubleshooter(L),120	L Saez	1-1-8	Englehart	15-1
8	Leap to Glory(L),123	M Franco	8-6-4	Rodriguez	15-1
9	South Africa(L),120	K Carmouche	1-2-11	Nevin	4-1

8 1 1/16 miles(T); \$80,000; Awad; 2YO

We'll dance with **STEP DANCER** in the Awad if the M/L holds. Smashed his debut then tangoed in the grade 2 Pilgrim and ran home 3rd. May rebound stepping lower for Tagg. **WOOTTON ASSET** (2nd), **CATMAN** (1st) and **KIDNAPPED** (3rd) in the Futurity at Pimlico. French bred Wootton Asset, the only 2-time turf winner in field, got beat a nose but may be better 2nd race in the states under Rosario. Carmouche on Catman; Irad on Kidnapped. **SHAWDYSHAWDYSHAWDY** was 4th, only a neck back of Step Dancer in the Pilgrim.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Shawdyshawdyshawdy ,120	J Lezcano	4-4-1	Abreu	5-1
2	Catman ,122	K Carmouche	1-2-10	Maker	8-1

3	Like a Saltshaker ,122	J Ortiz	1-1-4	Rice	8-1
4	Claw ,120	J Velazquez	4-1-3	S Klesaris	30-1
5	Kidnapped ,120	I Ortiz, Jr	3-1-2	Servis	10-1
6	Take Profit ,120	E Cancel	1-5-x	O'Dwyer	50-1
7	Space Launch ,120	M Franco	1-x-x	Clement	5-1
8	Step Dancer ,120	D Davis	3-1-x	Tagg	8-1
9	Heat of the Night ,120	J Alvarado	5-1-x	Hamm	10-1
10	It's a Gamble ,120	L Saez	4-1-x	Breen	12-1
11	It Can Be Done ,122	J Castellano	1-1-2	Sacco	8-1
12	Wootton Asset ,122	J Rosario	2-5-4	Motion	4-1
13	Master of the Ring ,118	J Velazquez	4-x-x	Stidham	15-1

9 7 fur; \$100,000; Bold Ruler; 3up

Other than the 2nd place finish, **MAJESTIC DUNHILL'S** prep for the Bold Ruler went well. Powered off the pace to the lead but got outkicked here at distance. Better on turf but he was 2nd in a grade 3 on dirt last year. **PHAT MAN** hasn't run since February and has no history at 7/8. Won a 75k at Monmouth last year and a grade 3 at Gulfstream last winter, both at a mile. **SHARE THE RIDE** won a stake wire to wire then 3rd in the grade 2 Vosburgh. **MIHOS** was 3rd behind top pick in the prep.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mihos(L),117	I Ortiz, Jr	3-4-6	J Jerkens	4-1
2	Share the Ride(L),120	M Franco	3-1-5	Arriaga	5-2
3	Wendell Fong(L),116	L Saez	4-5-5	Lynch	10-1
4	Arch Cat(L),117	K Carmouche	3-1-1	Velazquez	10-1
5	Majestic Dunhill(L),117	J Rosario	2-9-7	Weaver	5-2
6	Phat Man(L),121	J Castellano	2-1-2	Sweezy	2-1

10 1m(T); \$43,000; mdn c1m(\$40,000); 3up(f)

SILENT EMPRESS ran evenly for 3rd at Spa. Sprint to route for Clement. **SHE SO NAUGHTY** was a fast closing 3rd this level/distance. **TWICE A LADY** moves lower after debuting 4th of 6. **MEMORIES ETERNAL** was 3rd with similar as well.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Dustinthewind(L),120	H Harkie	10-6-8	Mc Allen	30-1
2	Tonilee(L),124	J Martinez	8-8-5	Shivmangal	20-1
3	Mia Calia(L),120	B Hernandez	11-5-11	Pringle	50-1
4	Silent Empress(L),120	M Franco	3-7-x	Clement	8-1
5	Women Not Easy(L),120	L Saez	5-8-4	Rodriguez	6-1
6	Cemetery V I P(L),113	L Cardenas	12-8-9	B Brown	30-1
7	Let Artie Lead ,120	E Cancel	x-x-x	Lugovich	15-1
8	Belleza(L),124	J Lezcano	3-3-3	Rice	8-1
9	Memories Eternal(L),124	K Carmouche	3-3-2	Deiter	4-1
10	Twice a Lady(L),120	I Ortiz, Jr	4-x-x	Maker	3-1
11	Sweet Sneak(L),120	D Davis	5-7-7	Weaver	5-1
12	Courted(L),120	J Ortiz	10-3-7	Abreu	8-1
13	Tornado Crossing(L),120	M Franco	6-6-9	Cannizzo	15-1
14	She So Naughty(L),120	J Rosario	3-4-2	Rodriguez	5-2
15	Mizzen the Mark(L),120	L Saez	2-8-7	Schettino	7-2
16	Sophie Fatale(L),120	Rider TBA	8-12-4	Metivier	30-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

No turf racing again so A Little Faith stayed dry in the barn. Speightful Kitten (33-1) sat off the leaders but stopped when the real running started. Loss of \$18.

Race 5: Superior fig suggests Liams Missy graduates at 2nd asking. \$30 to win.

Race 8: Step Dancer won at 1st asking, then took 3rd money in a grade 2. May rebound in the Awad. \$2 across the board.

Race 10: Silent Empress raced evenly at the Spa. Stretches out in the nightcap. \$2 across the board.

— Vic Cangialosi

Belmont Results

FIRST-6 fur; \$80,000; mdn; 2YO
6 Hghwy Bnd (Alvrd) 6.70 3.50 3.00
3 Nepotism (Castellano) 3.60 2.90
2 Jailbreaker (Davis) 4.70

● \$1 Exacta (6-3) \$11.40 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-3-2-5) \$13.42 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-3-2) \$23.25

SECOND-7 fur(T); \$45,000; c1m(\$40,000); 3up
4 Dub Bobby (Frnc0) 17.40 8.50 4.80
11 Daring Disguise (Saez) 6.40 4.30
2 Unprecedented (Velazquez) 3.10
Scr: Ninja Dust, Stanhope, Coragescontender, Officer Country, Quid, Elusive Ruler, Jake Rocks, What's to Blame, Larceny.
● \$1 Daily Double (6-4) \$35.25 ● \$1 Exacta (4-11) \$49.50 ● \$1 Quinella (4-11) \$22.60 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (4-11-2-6) \$88.95 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (4-11-2) \$104.87

THIRD-6 1/2 fur; \$48,000; md c1(\$50,0); 2YOf
8 Lucky Sitka (Saez) 16.60 7.50 3.80
4 Well Kept Secret (Rosro) 4.50 2.70
7 Suspended Campgn (Cstellno) 2.70
Scr: Thegoddessofsnakes.
● \$1 Pick 3 (6-4-8) 3 Correct \$219.75 ● \$1 Daily Double (4-8) \$52.25 ● \$1 Exacta (8-4) \$36.00 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (8-4-7-3) \$79.90 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (8-4-7) \$54.62

FOURTH-1 1/16 miles(T); \$70,000; mdn; 2YOf
4 Gry Dstny (Lzcn0) 27.00 9.10 6.40
7 Cara's Dreamer (Davis) 3.90 2.80
8 Emma and I (Rosario) 5.00
Scr: Saluki, Mon Cherie, Black Licorice, Duck-phat, Eau Claire, Marvelous Maude, Tami's Orchid.
● \$1 Pick 3 (4-8-4) 3 Correct \$573.50 ● \$1 Daily Double (8-4) \$60.50 ● \$1 Exacta (4-7) \$44.75 ● \$1 Quinella (4-7) \$19.60 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (4-7-8-10) \$91.65 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (4-7-8) \$149.25

Winner picked by Vic C

FIFTH-6 1/2 fur; \$28,000; c1m(\$10,000); 3up
2 Deep Sea (Saez) 10.80 6.20 4.00
4 Vicar's Legend (Rosario) 7.80 4.90
9 Orpheus (Carmouche) 4.20
Scr: Eden Ridge.
● \$0.5 Pick 5 (6-4-8-4-2) 5 Correct \$5,927.75 ● \$0.5 Pick 4 (4-8-4-2) 4 Correct \$989.75 ● \$1 Pick 3 (8-4-9) 3 Correct \$381.50 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-4-9) \$116.75 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (2-4-9-7) \$200.05 ● \$1 Daily Double (4-2) \$72.25 ● \$1 Exacta (2-4) \$38.50

Double picked by Vic C

SIXTH-1 1/16 miles; \$70,000; mdn; 3up(f)
2 Wasp (Ortiz,Jr.) 2.70 2.40 2.10
3 Lucky Girl (Cardenas) 9.80 5.00
6 Portofina (Castellano) 2.80
● \$1 Pick 3 (4-2-2) 3 Correct \$72.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (2-2) \$8.20 ● \$1 Exacta (2-3) \$19.00 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (2-3-6-1) \$25.55 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (2-3-6) \$36.00

Pick Three picked by Vic C (Lock)

SEVENTH-7 fur(T); \$82,000; alw; 3up(f)
3 My Sweet Wf (Ortz) 6.10 3.90 3.50
8 Sweet Kisses (Alvarado) 4.90 4.20
15 Big Bennys Tribute (Franco) 7.40
Scr: Mary's France, Bean Counter, Kelleycan-run, A Little Faith, Hotsy Totsy, Una Luna.
● \$1 Pick 3 (2-2-3) 3 Correct \$26.75 ● \$1 Daily Double (2-3) \$4.45 ● \$1 Exacta (3-8) \$12.60 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (3-8-15-13) \$48.50 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (3-8-15) \$46.75

EIGHTH-6 fur; \$55,000; c1m(\$32,000); 3up(f)
5 Jump for Jy (Lzcn) 6.80 3.70 2.80
8 Glass Ceiling (Rosario) 4.00 3.10
1 Dovey Lovey (Davis) 6.20
● \$1 Pick 3 (2-3-5) 3 Correct \$18.90 ● \$1 Daily Double (3-5) \$11.70 ● \$1 Exacta (5-8) \$12.40 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (5-8-1-2) \$69.05 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (5-8-1) \$59.62

NINTH-7 fur; \$82,000; alw; 3up
7 Cost Bass (Ortz,Jr.) 11.40 7.00 5.70
2 Foolish Ghost (Davis) 6.00 4.50
4 The Sicarii (Hernandez) 8.40
Scr: Binkster.

● \$1 Pick 3 (3-5-7) 3 Correct \$60.50 ● \$1 Grand Slam (2/3-6-3/8-15-1/5/8-7) 4 Correct \$25.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (5-7) \$13.70 ● \$1 Exacta (7-2) \$31.75 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (7-2-4-6) \$85.30 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (7-2-4) \$122.12

TENTH-1m(T); \$43,000; mdn c1(\$40,0); 3up
16 Kingfish (Lezcano) 13.60 5.40 4.20
7 Tercero (Rosario) 3.00 2.50
9 Bielefeld (Franco) 5.60
Scr: Freudian Analyst, Spiritual King, Psychic Dream, Empire Express, Hurricane Andrew, Yousaidhello.
● \$0.2 Pick 6 Jackpot (2-2-3-5-1-7-16) 6 Correct \$1,212.30 ● \$0.5 Pick 5 (2-3-5-17-16) 5 Correct \$439.50 ● \$0.5 Pick 4 (3-5-17-16) 4 Correct \$234.25 ● \$1 Pick 3 (5-7-16) 3 Correct \$69.25 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (16-7-9-14) \$77.10 ● \$1 Daily Double (7-16) \$45.25 ● \$1 Exacta (16-7) \$21.60 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (16-7-9) \$93.62 Total Handle \$8,192.

Today's Sports on the Air			
College Football	Noon	Boston College at Clemson	ABC
	Noon	Coastal Carolina at Georgia State	ESPNU
	Noon	Georgia at Kentucky	SECN
	Noon	Iowa State at Kansas	FS1
	Noon	Kansas State at West Virginia	ESPN2
	Noon	Memphis at Cincinnati	ESPN
	Noon	Michigan State at Michigan	FOX
	Noon	Purdue at Illinois	BTN
	Noon	UTSA at Florida Atlantic	MSG
	Noon	Wake Forest at Syracuse	ACCN, WNYM (970 AM)
	3:30 p.m.	Indiana at Rutgers	BTN, WOR (710 AM)
	3:30 p.m.	LSU at Auburn	CBS
	3:30 p.m.	Northwestern at Iowa	ESPN
	3:30 p.m.	Notre Dame at Georgia Tech	ABC
	3:30 p.m.	TCU at Baylor	ESPN2
	3:30 p.m.	UAB at Louisiana Tech	MSG
Golf	4 p.m.	Appalachian State at Louisiana Monroe	ESPNU
	4 p.m.	Ole Miss at Vanderbilt	SECN
	4 p.m.	Virginia Tech at Louisville	ACCN, ESPN (98.7 FM)
	4 p.m.	Texas at Oklahoma State	FOX
	6 p.m.	Boise State at Air Force	CBSSN
	7 p.m.	Charlotte at Duke	YES
	7 p.m.	Mississippi State at Alabama	ESPN
	7 p.m.	New Mexico at San Jose State	FS1
	7:30 p.m.	Arkansas at Texas A&M	SECN
	7:30 p.m.	Navy at SMU	ESPN2
	7:30 p.m.	Ohio State at Penn State	ABC
	8 p.m.	Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas State	ESPNU
	8 p.m.	North Carolina at Virginia	ACCN
	9:30 p.m.	San Diego State at Utah State	CBSSN
	10:15 p.m.	Western Kentucky at BYU	ESPN
	10:30 p.m.	Nevada at UNLV	FS1
MMA	Noon	PGA Tour: The Bermuda Championship, Second Round	GOLF
	3 p.m.	Champions Tour: TimberTech Championship, 2nd Round	GOLF
Tennis	4:30 a.m. (Sun.)	Euro Tour: Cyprus Open, Final Round	GOLF
	7 p.m.	UFC Fight Night: Hall vs. Silva; Mitchell vs. Fili	ESPN+
Auto Racing	5 a.m. (Sun.)	ATP Kazakhstan Singles Final; ATP Vienna Doubles Final	TENNIS
	8:55 a.m.	Emilia Romagna Grand Prix, 3rd Practice	ESPN2
Horse Racing	3:30 p.m.	NASCAR Xfinity Series: Draft Top 250	NBC
	12:30 p.m.	Belmont Park Live	MSG+
Soccer	11 a.m.	Premier League: Chelsea at Burnley	NBCSN
	1:30 p.m.	Premier League: West Ham United at Liverpool	NBCSN
Men's Singles - Quarterfinals	3:30 p.m.	Houston Dynamo at FC Dallas	UNIV
	7 p.m.	Liga MX: Puebla at Atlas	UNIV
Men's Doubles - Semifinals	9 p.m.	Liga MX: Chivas at UNAM	UNIV
	11 p.m.	Liga MX: Cruz Azul at Monterrey	FS2
Baseball	6:25 a.m. (Sun.)	Serie A: AC Milan at Udinese	ESPNEWS
	12:55 a.m. (Sun.)	KBO: Kiwoom Heroes vs. LG Twins	ESPNEWS

Tennis

ATP World Tour Vienna		Thiem (2), Austria, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
At Wiener Stadthalle; Vienna; Purse: \$1,409,510; Surface: Hardcourt indoor; (seedings in parentheses):		Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-2, 6-1.
Men's Singles - Quarterfinals		Daniel Evans, Britain, vs. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-3.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (5).		Men's Doubles - Semifinals
Andrey Rublev (5), Russia, def. Dominic		Jamie Murray and Neal Skupski, Britain, def. Robert Farah, Colombia, and Fabrice Martin, France, 6-4, 6-4.



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Solution to Very Easy #5,257

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Solution to Difficult #5,047

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	174	178
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	4	0	.333	115	143
Jets	0	7	0	.000	85	203
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	1	0	.833	188	153
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	157	115
Houston	1	6	0	.143	166	217
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	154	220
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	0	0	1.000	183	118
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	5	2	0	.714	200	221
Cincinnati	1	5	1	.214	163	194
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	1	0	.857	218	143
Las Vegas	3	3	0	.500	171	197
Denver	2	4	0	.333	116	153
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	149	154

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	4	1	.357	163	196
Dallas	2	5	0	.286	176	243
Washington	2	5	0	.286	133	165
Giants	1	6	0	.143	122	174
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	222	142
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	180	174
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	179	193
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	209	224
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	197	159
Chicago	5	2	0	.714	138	140
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	156	165
Minnesota	1	5	0	.167	155	192
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Seattle	5	1	0	.833	203	172
Arizona	5	2	0	.714	203	146
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	176	124
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	181	136

Thursday								
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Sunday								
Jets at Kansas City, 1pm								
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1pm								
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1pm								
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1pm								
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1pm								
New England at Buffalo, 1pm								
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1pm								
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1pm								
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05pm								
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25pm								
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25pm								
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20pm								
Bye: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington								
Monday								
Tampa Bay at Giants , 8:15pm								

Friday's Crossword Answers

S	H	A	Q	A	W	A	Y
R	U	T	U	A	H	M	A
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NFL Injury Report

SUNDAY Jets at Chiefs

Jets: **Out:** LB Blake Cashman (hamstring), S Bradley McDougald (shoulder), WR Breshad Periman (concussion). **Doubtful:** WR Jamison Crowder (groin), K Sam Ficken (right groin). **Questionable:** G Josh Andrews (shoulder), RB Frank Gore (not injury related, hand), LB Jordan Jenkins (ribs, shoulder), T Conor McDermott (illness). **Full:** T Mekhi Becton (shoulder), QB Sam Darnold (right shoulder), T George Fant (knee), T Alex Lewis (shoulder), TE Trevon Wesco (hand). **Chiefs:** **Out:** T Mitchell Schwartz (back), WR Sammy Watkins (hamstring). **Full:** DE Taco Charlton (knee), T Eric Fisher (shoulder), DT Chris Jones (groin), DT Derrick Nnadi (ankle), C Austin Reiter (knee), DT Khalel Saunders (elbow), S Armani Watts (illness), RB Darrel Williams (shoulder), T Andrew Wylie (foot).

Cowboys at Eagles

Cowboys: **Doubtful:** QB Andy Dalton (concussion). **Limited:** P Chris Jones (abdomen). **Full:** G Zack Martin (concussion), S Xavier Woods (not injury related). **Eagles:** **Out:** T Jack Driscoll (ankle), CB Craig James (hamstring), WR Alshon Jeffery (calf), CB Cre'von LeBlanc (quadricep), RB Miles Sanders (knee). **DNP:** DE Genard Avery (elbow), LB Nathan Gerry (ankle). **Full:** DE Vinny Curry (illness), DT Malik Jackson (quadricep), T Lane Johnson (knee, ankle), S K'Von Wallace (neck).

Colts at Lions

Colts: **Questionable:** TE Mo Alie-Cox (knee), C Ryan Kelly (knee). **DNP:** S Julian Blackmon (not injury related), T Anthony Castonzo (not injury related), WR T.Y. Hilton (not injury related). **Full:** DT Denico Autry (not injury related), TE Trey Burton (not injury related), TE Jack Doyle (not injury related), T Chaz Green (back), DE Justin Houston (not injury related), LB Darius Leonard (groin). **Lions:** **Questionable:** T Taylor Decker (shoulder), LB Jalen Reeves-Maybin (not injury related), CB Darryl Roberts (groin, hip), CB Desmond Trufant (hamstring). **Full:** RB Adrian Peterson (abdomen).

Raiders at Browns

Raiders: **Doubtful:** DE Arden Key (foot). **Questionable:** WR Bryan Edwards (foot, ankle). **Limited:** DT Maliek Collins (shoulder), RB Josh Jacobs (knee), DE Carl Nassib (toe), T Sam Young (knee) **Full:** S Dallin Leavitt (ankle), T Kolton Miller (shoulder), CB Trayvon Mullen (shoulder, forearm), CB Keisean Nixon (groin). **Browns:** **Out:** TE Austin Hooper (abdomen), LB Jacob Phillips (knee), G Wyatt Teller (calf). **Limited:** T Jack Conklin (knee), DE Myles Garrett (ankle), DT Larry Ogunjobi (hamstring), C J.C. Tretter (knee). **Full:** RB Kareem Hunt (ribs), WR Jarvis Landry (hip, ribs), TE David Njoku (knee), CB M.J. Stewart (back), LB Sione Takitaki (hand).

Chargers at Broncos

Chargers: **Out:** G Gray Turner (groin). **Questionable:** T Brian Bulaga (back), T Storm Norton (knee), QB Tyrod Taylor (ribs). **Broncos:** **Out:** TE Andrew Beck (hamstring), WR Diontae Spencer (shoulder). **Questionable:** LB Jeremiah Attaochu (quadricep), TE Jake Butt (hamstring), T Demar Dotson (not injury related), RB Phillip Lindsay (concussion), WR Tim Patrick (hamstring), G Austin Schlottmann (not injury related). **Full:** TE Noah Fant (ankle), DE Shelby Harris (illness), WR Jerry Jeudy (shoulder).

Rams at Dolphins

Rams: **Questionable:** TE Tyler Higbee (hand). **Dolphins:** **Out:** CB Jamal Perry (foot). **Questionable:** TE Adam Shaheen (shoulder). **Full:** DT Raekwon Davis (shoulder), S Kavon Frazier (shoulder), WR Jacekern Grant (illness), LB Kamu Grugier-Hill (hand), CB Xavien Howard (knee), CB Byron Jones (achilles), DE Shaq Lawson (shoulder), S Bobby McCain (ankle), WR DeVante Parker (groin), LB Kyle Van Noy (foot).

Vikings at Packers

Vikings: **Out:** CB Holton Hill (foot), CB Mike Hughes (neck). **Questionable:** WR Dan Chisena (hip). **Full:** CB Kris Boyd (hamstring, back), RB Dalvin Cook (groin), S Anthony Harris (wrist), G Dru Samia (wrist), WR Adam Thielen (shoulder). **Packers:** **Out:** RB Aaron Jones (calf), CB Kevin King (quadricep). **Questionable:** T David Bakhtiari (chest), K Mason Crosby (left calf, back), RB Tyler Ervin (wrist), S Raven Greene (oblique), DT Tyler Lancaster (shoulder), QB John Lovett (knee), S Darnell Savage (quadricep). **Limited:** LB Krys Barnes (shoulder, biceps), LS Hunter Bradley (groin), LB Rashan Gary (ankle), TE Marcedes Lewis (knee), LB Kamal Martin (knee), LB Preston Smith (shoulder), LB Za'Darius Smith (ankle), WR Equanimeous St. Brown (knee). **Full:** CB Jaire Alexander (hand, knee), TE Robert Tonyan (ankle, knee).

Patriots at Bills

Patriots: **Out:** DT Carl Davis (concussion), WR Julian Edelman (knee), WR N'Keal Harry (concussion). **DNP:** CB Stephon Gilmore (knee). **Limited:** LB Shilique Calhoun (knee), S Kyle Dugger (ankle), DT Lawrence Guy (ankle), RB Damien Harris (ankle), T Justin Herron (ankle), CB J.C. Jackson (knee), TE Dalton Keene (knee), G Shaquille Mason (calf), DE John Simon (shoulder), T Joe Thuney (ankle). **Bills:** **Out:** T Cody Ford (knee), CB Josh Norman (hamstring). **Questionable:** DT Vernon Butler (groin), DE Jerry Hughes (foot), S Micah Hyde (concussion), DT Quinton Jefferson (knee), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral), G Brian Winters (knee). **Limited:** QB Jake Fromm (not injury related), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral). **Full:** QB Josh Allen (left shoulder), WR John Brown (knee), DE Jerry Hughes (foot), DT Quinton Jefferson (knee), WR Isaiah McKenzie (ankle), G Brian Winters (knee).

Saints at Bears

Saints: **Out:** WR Marquez Callaway (ankle), G Nick Easton (elbow), WR Michael Thomas (ankle, hamstring). **Limited:** T Terron Armstead (elbow). **Bears:** **Out:** C Cody Whitehair (calf). **Doubtful:** WR Allen Robinson (concussion). **Questionable:** S Eddie Jackson (knee), LB Khalil Mack (ankle), S Sherrick McManis (hamstring), WR Cordarrelle Patterson (quadricep). **Full:** T Rashaad Coward (finger), WR Ted Ginn (not injury related), TE Jimmy Graham (not injury related), S Eddie Jackson (knee), DE Cole Kmet (back), S Sherrick McManis (hamstring), T Jason Spriggs (back).

Steelers at Ravens

Steelers: **Out:** S Jordan Dangerfield (quadricep), LB Ulysees Gilbert (back), DE Chris Wormley (knee). **Questionable:** CB Mike Hilton (shoulder), FB Derek Watt (hamstring). **Full:** G David DeCastro (not injury related), TE Eric Ebron (elbow), WR Diontae Johnson (toe), C Maurkice Pouncey (elbow), QB Ben Roethlisberger (not injury related), WR Juju Smith-Schuster (knee), DE Stephen Tuitt (elbow), T Alejandro Villanueva (elbow). **Ravens:** **Doubtful:** RB Mark Ingram (ankle). **Questionable:** S Anthony Levine (abdomen), CB Jimmy Smith (achilles). **DNP:** LB Pernell McPhee (not injury related), DE Derek Wolfe (not injury related, neck). **Full:** CB Marlon Humphrey (illness), G Tyre Phillips (hand).

49ers at Seahawks

49ers: **Out:** WR Deebo Samuel (hamstring), RB Jeffery Wilson (ankle). **Doubtful:** LB Kwon Alexander (ankle), WR Richie James (ankle), S Jaquiski Tartt (groin). **Questionable:** DE Kentavious Street (illness), S Jimmie Ward (quadricep). **Seahawks:** **Out:** CB Shaquill Griffin (concussion, hamstring). **Doubtful:** S Ugochukwu Amadi (hamstring), RB Carlos Hyde (hamstring), G Mike Iupati (back). **Questionable:** S Jamal Adams (groin), RB Chris Carson (foot), RB Travis Homer (knee), DE Benson Mayowa (ankle), CB Ryan Neal (hamstring).

Titans at Bengals

Titans: **Out:** S Dane Cruikshank (groin), CB Kristian Fulton (knee). **Questionable:** C Daniel Munyer (hand), CB Tye Smith (shoulder). **Full:** WR A.J. Brown (knee),

LB Jadeveon Clowney (knee), CB Johnathan Joseph (illness), T Dennis Kelly (knee), DT Jeffery Simmons (not injury related). **Bengals:** **Out:** T Bobby Hart (knee), C Trey Hopkins (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot), T Jonah Williams (stinger). **Doubtful:** WR John Ross (illness). **DNP:** T Bobby Hart (knee), C Trey Hopkins (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot), CB Darius Phillips (knee), WR John Ross (illness), T Jonah Williams (stinger). **Full:** DT Geno Atkins (not injury related), LB Markus Bailey (neck), TE Cethan Carter (shoulder), DT Mike Daniels (not injury related), CB William Jackson (concussion), G Michael Jordan (back), S Brandon Wilson (knee).

MONDAY

Buccaneers at Giants

Buccaneers: **DNP:** WR Chris Godwin (finger). **Limited:** TE Rob Gronkowski (shoulder), WR Scott Miller (hip, groin), DE Jason Pierre-Paul (knee), S Antoine Winfield (shoulder, groin). **Giants:** **DNP:** RB Devonta Freeman (ankle). **Limited:** S Adrian Colbert (shoulder), CB Darnay Holmes (neck), WR Sterling Shepard (shoulder, toe), **Full:** WR C.J. Board (concussion), T Cameron Fleming (not injury related), C Nick Gates (not injury related), G Shane Lemieux (not injury related), C Spencer Poley (not injury related), T Andrew Thomas (not injury related).

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
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THE LINE	CHRIS SHAW	HOWIE KUSSOY	BRIAN LEWIS	ZACH BRAZILLER	TED HOLMLUND	JUSTIN TERRANOVA	STITCHES	MARK HALE
Col. St. 1.5 (59.5) FRESNO (Thur., Fresno, 38-17)	Col. St. (L)	Fresno (W)	Fresno (W)	Col. St. (L)	Fresno (W)	Fresno (W)	Col. St. (L)	Col. St. (L)
Minn. 19.5 (61.5) MARYLAND (Fri., Md., 45-44)	★ Minn. (L)	Minn. (L)	★ Minn. (L)	Md. (W)	Minn. (L)	Minn. (L)	★ Minn. (L)	Minn. (L)
CLEMSON 24 (58.5) Bc (Sat., noon, ABC)	BC	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	★ Clemson
Georgia 14.5 (42.5) KENTUCKY (Noon, SEC)	★ Georgia	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Georgia	Kentucky	Georgia	Georgia
CINCINNATI 6.5 (55.5) Memphis (Noon, ESPN)	Cincinnati	★ Memphis	Cincinnati	★ Cincinnati	Cincinnati	★ Cincinnati	★ Cincinnati	★ Cincinnati
MICHIGAN 24.5 (52.5) Mich. St. (Noon, Fox)	Mich. St.	Michigan	Mich. St.	Mich. St.	★ Mich. St.	★ Michigan	Michigan	Mich. St.
Notre Dame 19.5 (57.5) GA. TECH (3:30, ABC)	★ N. Dame	Ga. Tech	★ N. Dame	★ N. Dame	Ga. Tech	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Lsu 3 (64.5) AUBURN (3:30, CBS)	LSU	Auburn	LSU	★ LSU	Auburn	LSU	LSU	★ LSU
Indiana 10.5 (52.5) RUTGERS (3:30, BTN)	Rutgers	★ Indiana	Indiana	Rutgers	Rutgers	★ Rutgers	Indiana	Indiana
OKLA. ST. 3.5 (58.5) Texas (4:00, Fox)	Texas	★ Texas	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Texas	Texas	Okla. St.
ALABAMA 31.5 (63.5) Miss. St. (7:00, ESPN)	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	★ Alabama	Alabama	Miss. St.	Alabama
Ohio St. 11.5 (62.5) PENN ST. (7:30, ABC)	Ohio St.	Penn St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	★ Ohio St.	Penn St.	★ Ohio St.	Ohio St.
TEXAS A&M 12.5 (55.5) Arkansas (7:30, SEC)	Arkansas	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Arkansas	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
FLORIDA 13.5 (61.5) Missouri (7:30)	Missouri	Missouri	Florida	Florida	Missouri	Florida	Missouri	Florida
N. Car. 6.5 (61.5) VIRGINIA (8:00, ACC)	N. Carolina	Virginia	★ N. Car.	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Virginia	N. Carolina
Home Team in CAPS ★ Best Bet Note: The Clemson-Boston College line was updated and that game re-selected in light of the COVID situation at Clemson. All other lines reprinted from Thursday's Bettor's Guide. For current lines, See Page 32.								

POST STANDINGS	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Kussoy	56	45	1	.554	—
Lewis	52	49	1	.515	4
Stitches	49	52	1	.485	7
Holmlund	47	54	1	.466	9
Hale	46	55	1	.456	10
Braziller	46	55	1	.456	10
Terranova	42	59	1	.417	14
Shaw	40	61	1	.397	16
BEST BETS	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Kussoy	10	10	1	.500	—
Stitches	10	12	0	.455	1
Holmlund	9	11	1	.452	1
Braziller	9	12	0	.429	1 1/2
Hale	9	12	0	.429	1 1/2
Terranova	9	12	0	.429	1 1/2
Lewis	9	13	0	.409	2
Shaw	7	14	1	.341	3 1/2

Cowboy up, Longhorns

Ehlinger, Texas figure to keep it close with OSU



By MATT YOUMANS

LAS VEGAS — With senior quarterback Sam Ehlinger leading a veteran team, Texas went into this season with playoff-sized expectations. Those plans fell apart by the second Saturday in October, when the Longhorns took their second straight loss.

Everything is bigger in Texas, especially the level of disappointment that surrounds coach Tom Herman's underachievers. The Longhorns are reduced to playing the spoiler role Saturday against Oklahoma State, the only undefeated

team in the Big 12 and the conference's last remaining playoff hope.

The Cowboys are a complete team again after quarterback Spencer Sanders returned from injury last week. Spencer passed for 235 yards and a touchdown, and star running back Chuba Hubbard carried 25 times for 139 yards in a 24-21 victory over Iowa State. For those who choose to nitpick, Sanders looked shaky while being intercepted twice.

A Texas defense that allowed a total of 86 points in back-to-back losses to Texas Christian and Oklahoma bounced back with a strong performance against Baylor last week. The Longhorns limited the Bears to three points through three quarters in a

27-16 win. Ehlinger passed for 270 yards and a touchdown while rushing for 51 yards and two touchdowns. He leads the nation with 24 touchdowns (17 passing, seven rushing).

Oklahoma State held off Texas, 38-35, in Stillwater two years ago. This one should go to the wire, too. Stay bullish on Ehlinger, the best quarterback the Cowboys have faced this season.

The pick: Texas +3.5.

PENN STATE (+11.5) over Ohio State: The Nit-tany Lions were stunned by Indiana in a 36-35 overtime loss that further exposed coach James Franklin's poor game-management tactics. On the bright and overlooked side, Penn State's defense held the Hoosiers to 211 total yards,



DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS: Sam Ehlinger comes to Stillwater, Okla., leading the nation with 24 touchdowns (17 passing, seven rushing).

while quarterback Sean Clifford accounted for 357 total yards (238 passing, 119 rushing) and four touchdowns. Franklin is 7-1 ATS in his past eight games as an underdog.

Are the Buckeyes capable of blowing this open? Of course. Justin Fields went 20-for-21 passing against Nebraska and appears ready to make a run at the Heisman Trophy. However, Ohio State was getting

pushed around at the line of scrimmage by the Cornhuskers in a game that was tied late in the second quarter. Clifford's playmaking and the Lions' defense can keep this close.

UNLV (+14) over Nevada: In coach Marcus Arroyo's debut, the Rebels played three quarterbacks and scored six points in an embarrassing loss at San Diego State. This line is an overreaction to UNLV's

poor first game, and Arroyo's offense will show improvement. The Wolf Pack delivered as home 'dogs last week, but they blew a 28-6 lead against Wyoming and were fortunate to win in overtime.

LAST WEEK: 1-2. Minnesota (L), Mississippi (L), Nevada (W).

SEASON: 15-8-1.

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The *POST* Line



NFL Week 8

Favorite	Sunday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
CHIEFS	19.5 (48.5)	Jets
Colts	2.5 (49.5)	LIONS
PACKERS	7 (51.5)	Vikings
BILLS	4 (40.5)	Patriots
Titans	6.5 (52.5)	BENGALS
BROWNS	2.5 (50.5)	Raiders
Rams	3.5 (45.5)	DOLPHINS
RAVENS	4 (46.5)	Steelers
Chargers	3 (44.5)	BRONCOS
SEAHAWKS	3 (53.5)	49ers
Saints	4.5 (43.5)	BEARS
EAGLES	10 (42.5)	Cowboys
Monday		
Buccaneers	12.5 (45)	GIANTS

Home team in CAPS

College Football

Favorite	Saturday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
MICHIGAN	21.5 (51.5)	Michigan State
Wake Forest	13 (60.5)	SYRACUSE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	4.5 (47.5)	Utsa
WEST VIRGINIA	4.5 (45.5)	Kansas State
CLEMSON	24 (58.5)	Boston College
Coastal Carolina	3.5 (60.5)	GEORGIA STATE
CINCINNATI	6.5 (57.5)	Memphis
Purdue	7.5 (58.5)	ILLINOIS
TULANE	3.5 (58.5)	Temple
Iowa State	28 (51.5)	KANSAS
Georgia	17.5 (42.5)	KENTUCKY
Central Florida	3 (82.5)	HOUSTON
SOUTHERN MISS	1.5 (58.5)	Rice
ARKANSAS STATE	2.5 (68.5)	Troy
Notre Dame	20 (59.5)	GEORGIA TECH
Indiana	11.5 (53.5)	RUTGERS
IOWA	2.5 (45.5)	Northwestern
Tcu	2.5 (48.5)	BAYLOR
Lsu	2.5 (65.5)	AUBURN
Uab	12 (46.5)	LOUISIANA TECH
Virginia Tech	3.5 (67.5)	LOUISVILLE
OKLAHOMA STATE	3.5 (58.5)	Texas
Ole Miss	17 (63.5)	VANDERBILT
Appalachian State	31 (56.5)	UL MONROE
Boise State	14 (48.5)	AIR FORCE
DUKE	9.5 (55.5)	Charlotte
ALABAMA	30.5 (63.5)	Mississippi State
SAN JOSE STATE	13.5 (54.5)	New Mexico
Ohio State	11.5 (64.5)	PENN STATE
SMU	12.5 (58.5)	Navy
TEXAS A&M	13.5 (54.5)	Arkansas
FLORIDA	13.5 (61.5)	Missouri
North Carolina	7 (61.5)	VIRGINIA
Oklahoma	15.5 (67.5)	TEXAS TECH
Ul Lafayette	16.5 (55.5)	TEXAS STATE
San Diego State	7.5 (43.5)	UTAH STATE
BYU	30.5 (51.5)	Western Kentucky
Nevada	14 (59.5)	UNLV

ODDS & ENDS

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE Manchester City at Sheffield United (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Manchester City	-334
Draw	+475
Sheffield United	+850

Chelsea at Burnley (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Chelsea	-200
Draw	+350
Burnley	+525

West Ham United at Liverpool (Sat.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
West Ham United	+675
Draw	+425
Liverpool	-278

Southampton at Aston Villa (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Southampton	+185
Draw	+260
Aston Villa	+135

Everton at Newcastle United (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Everton	+105
Draw	+240
Newcastle United	+275

Arsenal at Manchester United (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Arsenal	+260
Draw	+270
Manchester United	Even

Brighton at Tottenham (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Brighton	+400
Draw	+325
Tottenham	-162

West Bromwich at Fulham (Mon.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
West Bromwich	+200
Draw	+230
Fulham	+140

Leicester City at Leeds United (Mon.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Leicester City	+160
Draw	+260
Leeds United	+160

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER Red Bulls at NYCFC (Sun.)

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Red Bulls	+375
Draw	+280
NYCFC	-134

TOTAL GOALS	ODDS
Over 2.5	-134
Under 2.5	Even

VSIN TOP PLAY

'Bama may lack motivation to cover big Miss. St. spread

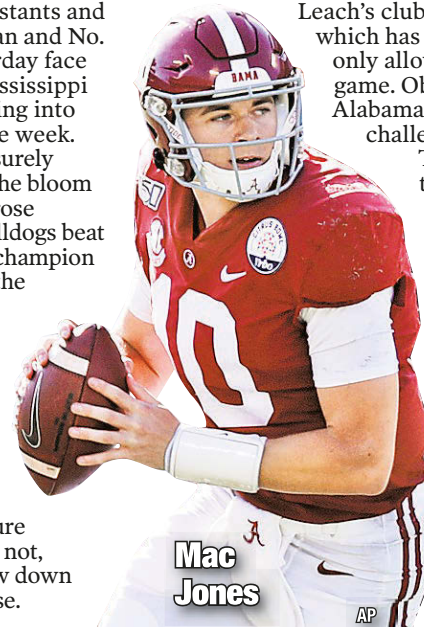
By WES REYNOLDS

Alabama kept rolling along with a 48-17 win and cover at Tennessee last weekend. Unfortunately, the victory came with a cost as the Crimson Tide's star junior receiver, Jaylen Waddle, was lost for the season with a fractured ankle on the opening kickoff. Quarterback Mac Jones did not throw for a touchdown, but continued his Heisman Trophy campaign by going 25-of-31 for 387 yards. Running back Najee Harris picked up the scoring slack with three touchdowns.

After four straight weeks of beating former assistants and protégés, Nick Saban and No. 2 Alabama on Saturday face Mike Leach and Mississippi State, who are coming into Tuscaloosa off a bye week.

Mississippi State surely needed that bye as the bloom has fallen from the rose quickly after the Bulldogs beat defending national champion LSU on the road in the season opener. The Bulldogs put up 44 points in Baton Rouge, but have failed to top 14 points in any of the three following games.

The rest of the SEC has been able to figure out what LSU could not, which is how to slow down the "Air Raid" offense.



Mac Jones

Alabama is allowing an uncharacteristic 280 yards per game through the air, but one would expect Saban to have a solid game plan to defend this offense. Quarterback K.J. Costello has been intercepted eight times to just one touchdown over the past three games and was pulled in favor of freshman Will Rogers in each of the previous two games. Running back Kylin Hill was an all-SEC back last year, but did not dress against Texas A&M and has not even practiced with the team since the game at Kentucky.

Ironically, the one shining light for Leach's club has been the defense, which has been the SEC's best at only allowing 295 yards per game. Obviously, facing the Alabama offense is a different challenge.

This could be a "just get through it" type of game for Alabama, as it has a bye week on deck and then gets the rematch with LSU. The Tigers kept the Tide from getting into the College Football Playoff last season, so they may have an eye on that one.

THE PLAY: Mississippi State, +30.5.

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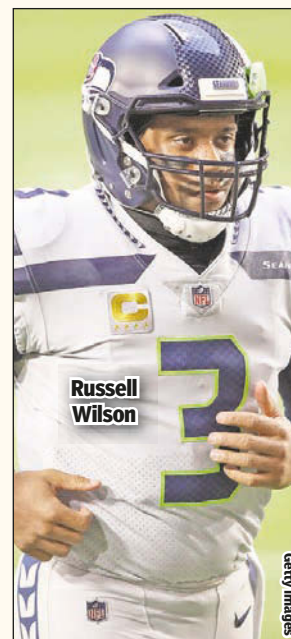
FOOTBALL

Favorites to win 2020 NFL MVP

PLAYER	ODDS
Russell Wilson	-110
Aaron Rodgers	4/1
Patrick Mahomes	5/1
Tom Brady	14/1
Lamar Jackson	20/1
Kyler Murray	25/1
Ben Roethlisberger	25/1
Derrick Henry	35/1
Josh Allen	40/1
Ryan Tannehill	50/1
Baker Mayfield	80/1
Jared Goff	80/1
Teddy Bridgewater	100/1
Alvin Kamara	100/1
Derek Carr	125/1
Aaron Donald	150/1
Cam Newton	150/1
Drew Brees	200/1
Jimmy Garoppolo	200/1
Matthew Stafford	250/1
Philip Rivers	250/1
Nick Foles	250/1

Favorites to win 2020 Offensive Rookie of the Year

PLAYER	ODDS
Justin Herbert	-159
Joe Burrow	+240
Tua Tagovailoa	10/1
Justin Jefferson	14/1
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	16/1
Chase Claypool	20/1
Jonathan Taylor	25/1
James Robinson	35/1
D'Andre Swift	50/1
CeeDee Lamb	50/1
Tee Higgins	50/1
Antonio Gibson	50/1
Jerry Jeudy	80/1
Henry Ruggs III	80/1
Brandon Aiyuk	100/1



Russell Wilson



Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY							
	TODAY Oct. 31	SUN Nov. 1	MON Nov. 2	TUE Nov. 3	WED Nov. 4	THU Nov. 5	FRI Nov. 6
	NO GAME	NYCFC 7:00 MSG	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME
	NO GAME	NYRB 7:00 YES	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME

Monday		Sunday	
	Tampa Bay 8:15 TV - PIX11, ESPN Radio- WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM		Kansas City 1:00 TV - CBS Radio- ESPN 98.7 FM

NBA

Odds to win 2020-21 conference championship

EASTERN	ODDS	WESTERN	ODDS
Bucks	2/1	Lakers	2/1
Nets	4/1	Clippers	+260
Heat	4/1	Warriors	+425
Celtics	9/2	Mavericks	11/1
Raptors	15/2	Nuggets	11/1
76ers	12/1	Rockets	14/1
Pacers	50/1	Trail Blazers	22/1
Hawks	65/1	Jazz	28/1
Magic	65/1	Pelicans	35/1
Bulls	100/1	Thunder	40/1
Wizards	100/1	Suns	60/1
Knicks	250/1	Grizzlies	100/1
Hornets	250/1	Kings	150/1
Cavaliers	250/1	Spurs	150/1
Pistons	250/1	Timberwolves	300/1

SPORTS SHORTS

GOLF: Daly takes Champions co-lead

Playing his fourth event since revealing he's fighting bladder cancer, **John Daly** shot an 8-under 64 on Friday for a share of the lead with **Jim Furyk** in the PGA Tour Champions' TimberTech Champions in Boca Raton, Fla.

Daly had his lowest score in his five-year career on the 50-and-over tour. The two-time major champion won his lone Champions title in 2017 in Houston.

● Americans **Wyndham Clark** and **Ryan Armour** battled through brisk winds to share a one-stroke lead at 8-under in the darkness-halted second round of the Bermuda Championship at Port Royal Golf Course in Southampton.

● At 1-under, 64-year-old **Fred Funk** is the oldest player to make the cut on the PGA Tour since **Tom Watson**, at age 65, five years ago in the RBC Heritage at Hilton.

NFL: Hall of Famer Adderley dies

Herb Adderley, the Hall of Fame cornerback who joined the NFL as a running back and became part of a record six championship teams with the Packers and Cowboys, has died. He was 81.

● Left tackle **Ronnie Stanley** agreed to a five-year extension with the Ravens. The deal is a \$98.75 million total value with a \$22.5 million signing bonus.

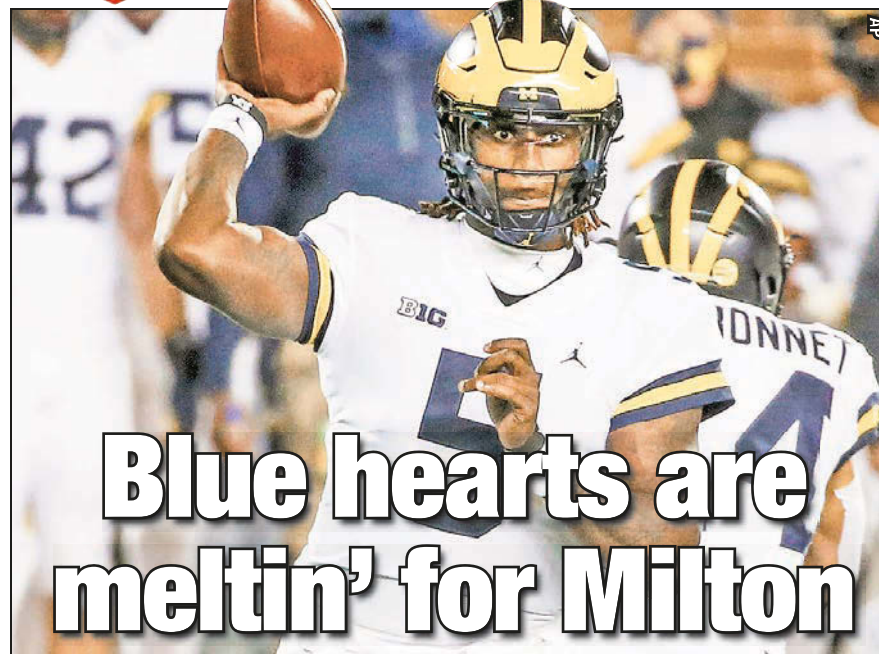
● The Saints have ruled out **Michael Thomas** receivers (hamstring) and **Marquez Callaway** (ankle) for Sunday's game in Chicago.

MMA

UFC Fight Night,
Saturday, Las Vegas

MAIN EVENT	ODDS
Anderson Silva	+180
vs. Uriah Hall	-223
LENGTH OF BOUT	ODDS
Over 3.5 rounds	-139
Under 3.5 rounds	+115
FIGHTER	ODDS
Andre Fili	+125
vs. Bryce Mitchell	-152
Charlie Ontiveros	+450
vs. Kevin Holland	-625
Greg Hardy	-323
vs. Maurice Greene	+250
Bobby Green	-313
vs. Thiago Moses	+250
Alexander Hernandez	-400
vs. Chris Gruetzemacher	+305
Adrian Yanez	-400
vs. Victor Rodriguez	+310
Jack Marshman	+270
vs. Sean Strickland	-345
Jason Witt	-143
vs. Cole Williams	+120
Dustin Jacoby	-323
vs. Justin Ledet	+255
Priscila Cachoeira	+195
vs. Cortney Casey	-239
Kevin Natividad	+130
vs. Miles Johns	-154

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HARBAUGH'S HOPE: Michigan is a 21.5-point favorite over rival Michigan State on Saturday, and there's hope in Ann Arbor that the 6-foot-5, 245-pound Joe Milton is the quarterback who will put coach Jim Harbaugh over the top.

By ADAM KRAMER

It's only one game. Only 225 yards passing. Only two touchdowns. But for the first time in some time, there is hope that Michigan finally has found a quarterback capable of lifting the program back to a place of prominence.

Oh, I get it. We've done this before. Heck, we do this every year. You will probably highlight this column the moment Michigan loses a game and the Jim Harbaugh hate cascades across the internet.

But Joe Milton looks the part. He's 6-foot-5 and 245 pounds with an enormous arm, and he can really move at his size. Against Minnesota last week, Michigan cruised as just a field goal-favorite on the road against one of the darlings of last season.

Even Milton's seven incompletions were "wow" moments. And Michigan finally showcased some creativity in the play-calling that maximized his wealth of abilities.

With a stable of young skill position players — including a quality core of young running backs — there is reason to believe Michigan might finally approach the lofty expectations Harbaugh inherited when he arrived.

This week's point spread against Michigan State speaks volumes, as the Wolverines are 21.5-point favorites over their rivals. The Spartans' inept debut last weekend — a deflating 38-27 loss to Rutgers — is a big part of that. But Michigan's offense unquestionably plays a big role as well.

It is likely the Wolverines will be an underdog only once this season.

Wisconsin, now with uncertainty surrounding its season, will visit Ann Arbor in the middle of November.

Well, hopefully.

Penn State, coming off a deflating and controversial 36-35 loss to Indiana, will also play Michigan on the road. On Dec. 12, Michigan will travel to Ohio State. Barring injury, Milton will try to do something no quarterback under Harbaugh at Michigan has done — beat the Buckeyes.

Time will tell how tall of an order this is. But for now, it feels reasonable to finally expect more from Michigan. And the intrigue in the team's young quarterback — a player with immense gifts and potential — will only grow over time.

● This is **The Break the Scoreboard Game of the Week** — Central Florida (-3, total of 82.5) vs. Houston.

Before we dissect this total and what could be an outrageous, marathon football game, here are Central Florida quarterback Dillon Gabriel's game-by-game passing yard totals thus far: 417, 408, 330, 601, 422.

He also has accounted for 20 touchdowns in those five games, becoming one of the sport's must-see attractions.

Despite being regularly dealt some of the largest totals on the board, UCF has still hit the Over in four of five games. Houston, which is no slouch in this department, has hit the Over in all three games.

What you're left with is a total that will be one of the largest we're dealt all year. It opened at 76.5 and since has ballooned well above 80.

It's also a delightful football game — one that Houston should be up for. A mild upset wouldn't surprise.

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7 SECOND HELPING

By BRIAN LEWIS

New Nets coach Steve Nash revolutionized NBA offense as a point guard with the Suns, earning every accolade except a championship while playing under Mike D'Antoni. Now, Nash is looking to finally win that title, with his former mentor now his assistant.

Hiring D'Antoni to be a team's head coach would normally be considered a success, but adding one of just nine men to win multiple NBA Coach of the Year awards as an assistant coach is a coup. It also implies Nash is doubling down on the Seven Seconds Or Less style he and D'Antoni created in Phoenix from 2004-08.

Six Seconds Or Less, anyone?

"He'll do what he needs to do, and he'll figure it out. He'll work hard. He works as hard as anyone I've ever seen in basketball to get ready every day," D'Antoni said the day of Nash's hiring. "Even when he broke his leg in L.A. [in 2012 while playing with the Lakers], no one outworked him, and he'll do the same as a coach. And he knows basketball, so it's a pretty good formula for success.

"Yeah, I'm excited for him.

I'm excited that he'll open the game up, and he'll run, I'm sure. He's going to work hard, and he'll surround himself with smart people."

D'Antoni is one of those smart people.

While some questioned the hiring of Nash because he never had served even as an assistant coach, the rookie coach wisely picked a familiar face to lean on and a brilliant basketball brain to pick.

The 69-year-old D'Antoni's ushered in the era of pace and space, with heavy emphasis on 3-point shooting. Nash was a huge part of all that during a Hall of Fame playing career.

When the two were together in Phoenix, Nash won a pair of MVPs. They teamed again for a more muted sequel with the Lakers from 2012-14.

D'Antoni had a stellar 253-136 run with the Suns, creating a frenetic, open style of play that was ahead of its time, but has become the model for the modern NBA.

After Phoenix, D'Antoni also coached the Knicks, but was unceremoniously dumped in an acrimonious exit. He coached most recently in Houston, where he adjusted his style to the more ball-dominant, iso-oriented James

Harden. His impressive 217-102 mark in four seasons with the Rockets was the best record in the Western Conference over that span (.682), and second overall in the NBA behind the Raptors.

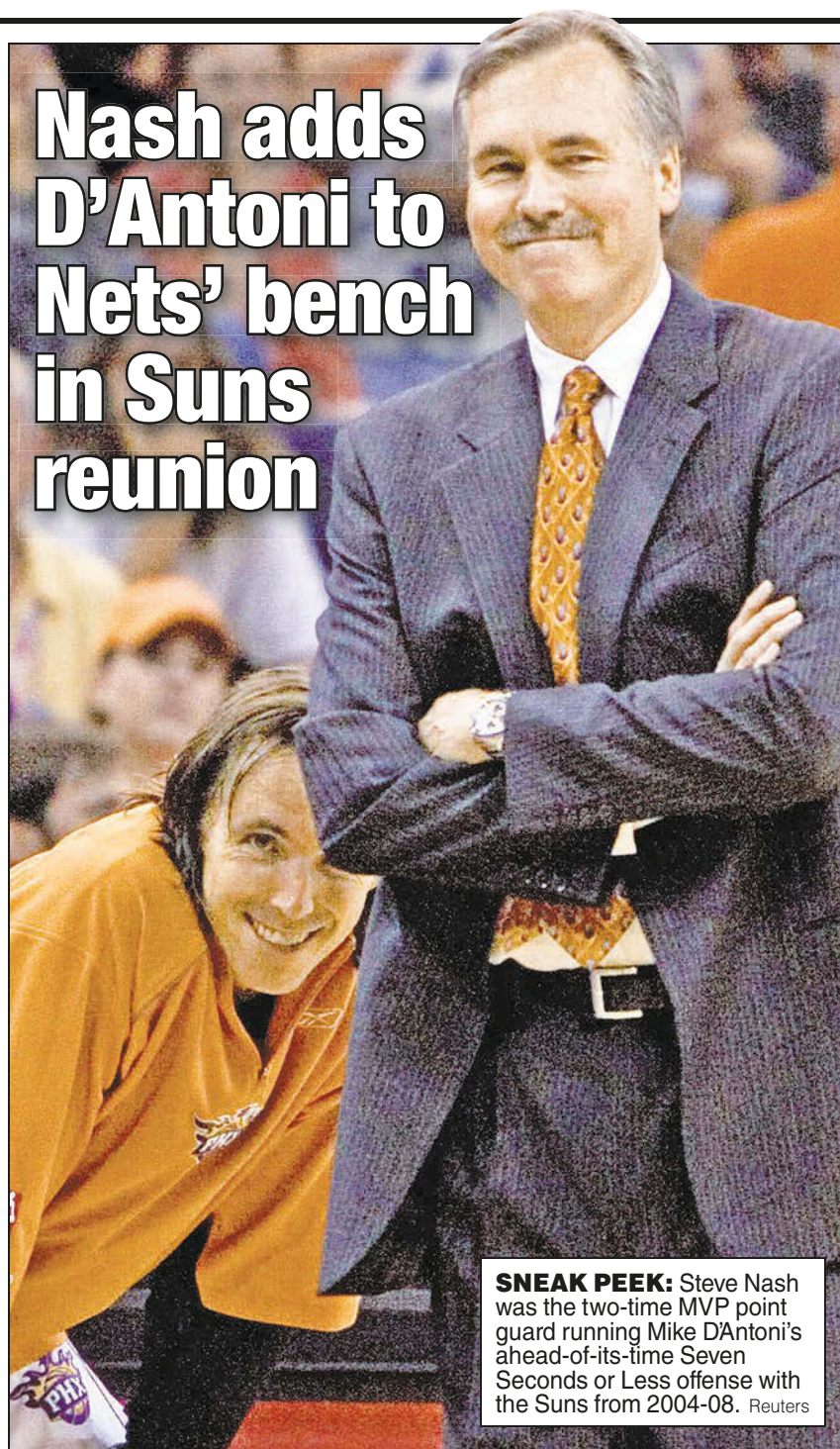
"People talk about the Phoenix teams I played on and this sort of revolutionary tone of how it impacted the game. But truth be told, Mike D'Antoni's brilliance in much of that was he allowed it to evolve instead of getting in the way," Nash said recently of D'Antoni's collaborative style.

Nash has cagily avoided specifics, but he acknowledged in Tuesday's virtual town hall with season-ticket holders that he has every intention of running a wide-open, up-tempo offense akin to the one he, D'Antoni and Amar'e Stoudemire — also just hired as a Nets assistant — made famous in Phoenix.

"I want us to play fast. I want us to space the floor," Nash said. "I want us to create opportunities to get downhill with our ball handlers and make plays for one another, attack closeouts. A lot of high-level philosophical thoughts, and of course we'll design and have offensive sets and things that we think fit our group."

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Nash adds D'Antoni to Nets' bench in Suns reunion



SNEAK PEEK: Steve Nash was the two-time MVP point guard running Mike D'Antoni's ahead-of-its-time Seven Seconds or Less offense with the Suns from 2004-08. Reuters

Vaughn, Udoka complete B'klyn coaching staff

By BRIAN LEWIS

As a rookie head coach — heck, a rookie coach period — Steve Nash planned to surround himself with a deep, experienced staff. Mission accomplished, with the Nets confirming an expanded staff that includes his mentor and his predecessor.

Mike D'Antoni will get the lion's share of attention, but after Jacque Vaughn put in yeoman's work as interim, he was retained as an assistant with a purported seven-figure salary. Paying both of them underscores Nets

owner Joe Tsai's willingness to spend, as does expanding the staff from six, under the departed Kenny Atkinson, to its current seven.

The Nets also announced the hiring of Ime Udoka as assistant coach and confirmed the addition of Amar'e Stoudemire as a player development assistant. They retained assistant coach/director of player development Adam Harrington, assistant coach Jordan Ott, assistant coach/player development Tiago Splitter and player development coordinator Ryan Forehan-Kelly.

"We've assembled an experienced staff of high-character individuals with varied backgrounds, both on and off the court, that will help create a solid foundation for me and our players," Nash said.

"When I set out to build this staff, I wanted to put together a committed group that would connect with our players and help put them in the best position to succeed as a team. With coaching and playing experience at the highest level and a deep background in player development, I'm confident that we've put the right people

in place to lead us forward." Udoka could prove as vital as D'Antoni or Vaughn.

Nash, Stoudemire and general manager Sean Marks have a shared history as players on D'Antoni's high-scoring Suns from 2006-08. Marks, Vaughn and Udoka, however, were all Gregg Popovich assistants in San Antonio. Udoka could provide needed defensive acumen for a team that should have no issue scoring.

Udoka, 43, not only was a defense-minded player, but also spent seven seasons with the Spurs as an assist-

ant coach before moving to the 76ers last season. As the defensive coordinator, he helped Philadelphia vault from 14th in defensive efficiency up to No. 8, and from 19th in steals to ninth. (The Nets were 27th.)

"That's something we talk about, creating turnovers. We want to up our physicality on the ball. That should help there. And there are multiple things we can do out of timeouts to trap guys and make them more uncomfortable," Udoka told 76ers media last September, adding he wants the defense to "make them feel you" and

to "jam the ball handler."

Last season, Udoka experimented with varied coverages, from blitzes to a 1-3-1 zone following a full-court trap. He also preached "up to touch" coverage, in which the big men get so close they can touch the screener's back, with the idea of closing down space in the middle of the floor before retreating.

Udoka was linked with a host of head coaching jobs, including the Knicks' opening. Now an assistant with the Nets, his defensive acumen could prove key to any title chase in Brooklyn.

MARTIN Luther King Jr. Day would be an appropriate tip-off for the NBA season, considering these social-justice times. The Post reported that possibility back in September, when commissioner Adam Silver was imagining fans in team's home arenas.

Upon further COVID-19 pandemic review, however, starting up the new season at Christmastime would be a wiser, better gift for NBA fans.

Fans of the "Delete Eight" clubs, including the Knicks, that didn't get to play in the NBA bubble where this past season was completed, haven't seen their teams play since March 11. They deserve some holiday cheer.



Marc Berman

But that's not really what this debate, between the NBA Board of Governors and Players Association, is about. Both sides have solid arguments but are still far apart. Friday night, the NBA and union announced they had pushed back Friday's deadline to restructure the collective bargaining agreement, which includes next season's schedule, to Nov. 6.

Dating game

NBA, union still apart on tip-off

Silver, because of the coronavirus spike this month, realizes sacrificing right now with a fast start-up of Dec. 22 — and a Dec. 1 training camp — is the way to go for the good of the league's suddenly shaky future.

Because of the worsening pandemic, Silver and his owners realize fans won't be piling into indoor arenas whether the opener is in December, January or February.

The new goal of the league, sources said, is to put together a 72-game slate with reduced cross-country travel. In that scenario, the subsequent 2021-22 season can go off on its normal October-to-June trajectory — perhaps with New Yorkers packed together underneath the Garden's famous ceiling again.

The players, as articulated by union president Michele Roberts, want a longer break, especially James' Lakers. Living in the Disney World bubble was mentally taxing, even if all participants were spared

any of the grueling plane travel and were housed in gorgeous resorts.

Lakers swingman Danny Green, of Long Island, said James may sit out the first month of the season if Dec. 22 is opening night. Let him — as long as King James suits up opening night for the ring ceremony and on Christmas, the bonanza day of its television partners.

"Certainly, it creates some challenges," Mavericks owner Mark Cuban told The Post. "But challenging times require adaptation. I have no doubt we will be fine."

Roberts went overboard in a statement this week to The Athletic, saying the players already had made enough of a sacrifice to restart the season in late July.

Roberts was referring to fewer than half the league's 30 teams when she stated: "These men lived in isolation for months. Each day could have been met with the news that this awful virus had invaded their

space, and they were exposed to likely infection. They stayed the course, followed the protocol and, as a result, were able to deliver fabulous competition and completed the season able to crown a champion."

The players protected a larger share of their contracts by doing so. It also should be noted, if the season starts Dec. 22, for 22 teams it will have been nearly four months since their last contest.

"Our players deserve the right to have some runway so that they can plan for a start that soon," Roberts added. "The overwhelming response from the players that I have received to this proposal has been negative."

It's now her job to convince the union's constituents to see the NBA's side of the accounting ledger. Indications are the union may still approve a Dec. 22 start by next week, but work has to be done to get players to see the bigger pic-

ture. In their statement Friday, the union said, "Each of us has a stake in doing what's fair, what's best for our business. We are confident we will get there."

The NBA hoped it would be taken care of Friday, but Roberts had warned: "I cannot and will not view Friday as a drop dead date."

Yes, it's going to be hectic if the union steps up. The draft is Nov. 18, and free agency probably will start Nov. 20. That's a 10-day window for many departing free agents to scramble with their families to find a new home by Dec. 1. In truth, training camps will be a mess, with some players agreeing to deals in the midst of workouts.

It does the Knicks no favors. They have plenty of cap space and just seven players of their 15-man roster under contract for next season. The NBA likely will give teams three preseason games, fewer than normal, but better than the NFL's zero this season.

This is the time for players, who had off from March to July, to get back quickly to playing the game they say they profess to love, in almost every interview.

As many of their die-hard fans struggle to pay rent during the first pandemic of modern times, starting Dec. 22 is not really a big deal.

The King from hardscrabble Akron, Ohio, should know that better than most.

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Post Weather Report

Saturday



Today: Mostly sunny. High 44 to 50.

Tonight: Clear to partly cloudy. Low 39 to 45.

Monday

Very windy. High 39 to 45.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 35 to 41.

Sunday



Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, a shower in the afternoon. High 53 to 59.

Tomorrow night: A shower early; mostly cloudy. Low 34 to 40.

Tuesday

Partly sunny. High 45 to 51.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 37 to 43.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature

High: 47, Low: 38, Mean: 43

Departure from Normal

Yesterday: -10 degrees

Precipitation

Yesterday: 0.64", Month: 5.05", Year: 36.75", Normal year to date: 41.90"

Heating Degree days yesterday.....22

Total for the month (normal).....193 (255)

Total since July 1 (normal).....229 (297)

Last season to date.....184

Wind Chill (at noon yest.).....32

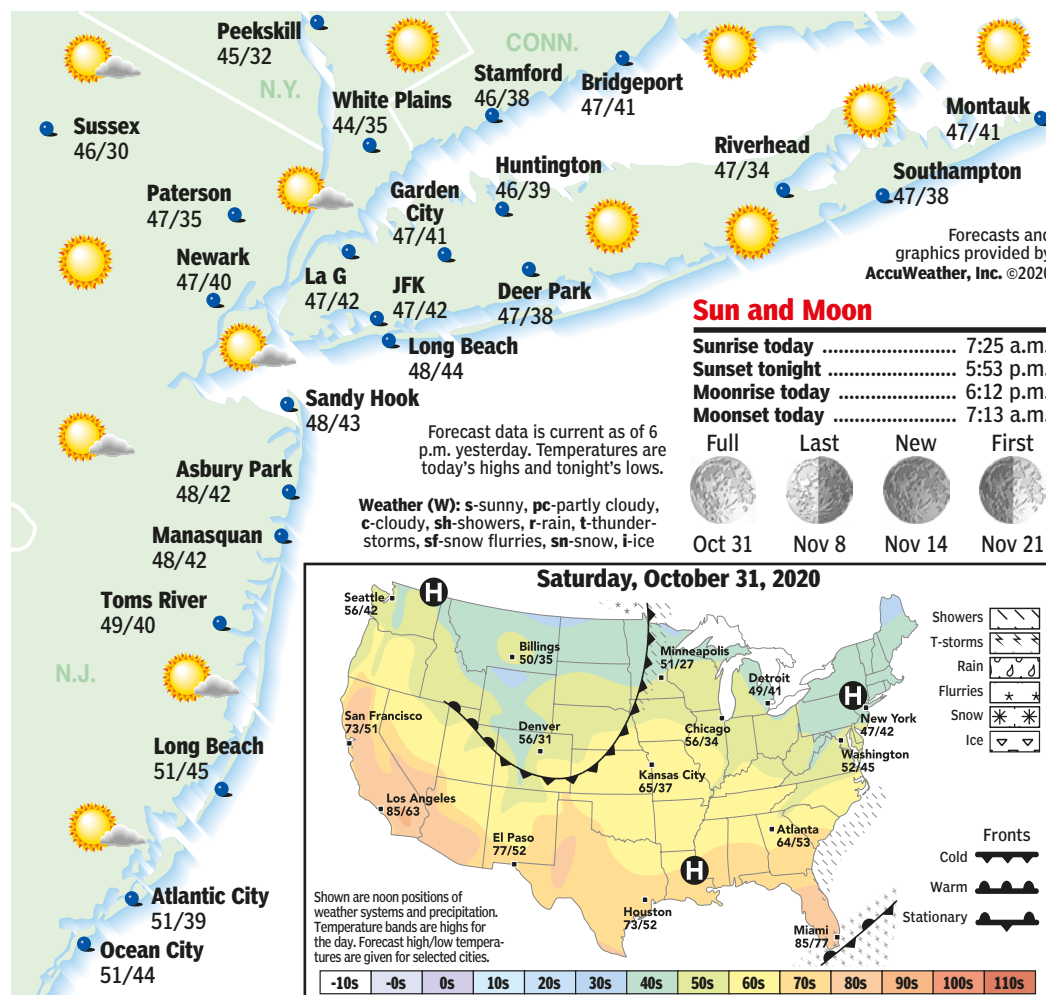
UV index (for Sat.).....3 (Moderate)

Humidity (at noon).....92%

AIR QUALITY

Pollen: Low. Predominant pollen: Ragweed

AQI rating: (for Sat.).....Good



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New York Tides

	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
High Tide for Coney Island	8:15a	8:34p	7:47a	8:11p
Fire Island	8:19a	8:33p	7:54a	8:07p
Hempstead	12:06a	12:05p	12:31a	11:24a
Huntington	11:58a	---	12:25a	11:28a
Jones Inlet	7:59a	8:18p	7:31a	7:55p
Montauk Point	9:27a	9:47p	9:06a	9:29p
Port Washington	12:17a	12:14p	12:42a	11:24a
Sandy Hook	8:19a	8:38p	7:51a	8:15p

Regional cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	42/30/s	51/32/c
Danbury	45/31/s	53/34/c
Glens Falls	43/26/s	51/33/c
Gr Barrington	44/28/s	51/31/c
Kingston	45/28/s	52/33/c
Liberty	42/27/s	47/29/sh
Monticello	43/28/s	48/30/sh
Newburgh	46/32/s	54/34/c
Poughkeepsie	46/30/s	52/33/c
Saratoga Springs	43/27/s	51/33/c
Stroudsburg	45/30/s	52/32/sh
Torrington	43/29/s	53/32/c
Syracuse	47/36/s	52/32/sh

World cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	71/58/pc	73/55/pc
Baghdad	93/64/pc	93/64/s
Beijing	68/43/s	63/39/s
Berlin	59/49/sh	57/54/r
Cairo	83/66/s	80/65/c
Dublin	58/45/r	53/46/r
Geneva	64/45/pc	62/52/pc
Hong Kong	78/72/s	80/72/pc
Jerusalem	77/63/s	74/62/s
Kabul	70/33/s	71/35/s
London	60/49/r	62/57/r
Madrid	70/45/pc	68/47/s
Mexico City	76/50/pc	75/49/pc
Montreal	41/31/s	49/35/r
Moscow	47/39/c	42/35/pc
Paris	64/57/c	64/61/r
Rio de Janeiro	72/68/sh	70/65/sh
Rome	67/50/s	66/48/pc
Sydney	75/60/sh	68/60/c
Tokyo	66/50/s	68/55/pc

By PETER BOTTE

Here's a scary NFL thought for trick-or-treat weekend: Jets defensive coordinator Gregg Williams believes Patrick Mahomes has just "scratched the surface" of the player he can be.

Williams offered that assessment Friday as the Jets (0-7) made final preparations to face Mahomes and the Chiefs on Sunday at Arrowhead Stadium in the star quarterback's first career start against Gang Green.

Sunday
JETS AT CHIEFS
1 p.m.
CBS
ESPN Radio
(98.7 FM)
Line: Jets +19.5 • O/U: 48.5

"[I've coached against] a lot of Hall of Fame quarterbacks, and when we're doing evaluations of people you try to say 'same as, same as,' but really, he's of his own," Williams said of Mahomes on a Zoom call after practice in Florham Park. "He has a lot of intangibles about him, and he's getting very strong coaching to help him continue to mature.

"But I think he's just scratched the surface. I think he's going to continue to grow in this league."

Williams has schemed against Mahomes once before, when he was the Browns' defensive coordinator in 2018. In his 10th career start, Mahomes completed 23 of 32 passes for 375 yards and three touchdowns at Cleveland on his way to winning league MVP honors.

Jets linebacker Jordan Jenkins called Sunday's game "a true test," acknowledging "things can real bad real fast" against the speedy and balanced Kansas City offense.

"The guy is only [25]. Imagine what a couple more years will do for him," Jenkins said of Mahomes. "When he's really starting to understand. He knows the game pretty well now, but imagine when he gets the knowledge and the vet savviness to him.

"I can agree with what Gregg's

SCARY GOOD

Jets gearing up for 'a true test' against still growing Mahomes



GREAT 'TRICK: Gregg Williams, talking with Bradley McDougald, and the Jets defense are preparing to face Patrick Mahomes, whom the Jets defensive coordinator said is just "scratching the surface" of his abilities.

saying. He's still a young guy and he still has a lot he can do, a lot he can learn, and just keep adding and adding to his belt over the years."

In addition to his 2018 MVP award, Mahomes led the Chiefs last season to their first Super Bowl title in 50 years. He has thrown for 16 touchdowns with just one interception through their 6-1 start this year.

Asked what separates the mobile Mahomes from other top quarterbacks he has faced, Jenkins cited "the amount of times he's been on SportsCenter," especially for his ability to roll out of the pocket to one side of the field and throw it to other side with accuracy.

"The guy is just the guy," Jenkins said. "Right now he is probably [the head] of the new wave. You

got the Bradys, the Mannings, and now he's one of the ones of the younger generation.

"He's a hellacious player, he's a playmaker and he's just a really good quarterback. He makes different kinds of throws, left and right, and he puts it on the money. He makes throws you don't see a lot of guys making. He's just good."

Williams also believes Mahomes

is a strong fit within longtime nemesis Andy Reid's offensive system. The Chiefs are averaging 30.5 points per game, fifth-most in the league this season.

"[Mahomes] plays with confidence and has really good ability, but he's got really sound coaching around him, too, that does a fantastic job of how they're using him," Williams said. "Going against Coach Reid for a long time, back in the Philly days when I was with the Washington team, I've been really impressed with how he has always been up to the very front of the game and been into the changes and how to morph a little bit of what he did in the West Coast offense.

"Now he has his own style of the West Coast offense. I've always tried to study as much as possible because I do have a lot of respect for him. I think he's one of the best coaches that has ever coached in our league, and his staff is really good. Not only do they have elite speed, but those players obviously understand that they've got some good coaches there working with them."

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Gang Green 'D' expect facing Bell will be big challenge

By MOLLIE WALKER

Halloween may be over when the Jets play at Kansas City on Sunday, but they'll still have to face the ghost of Le'Veon Bell.

It has been just 18 days since the Jets released Bell after failing to coordinate a trade for the 28-year-old running back, who made it known that he wanted out of the organization. Taking to Twitter following the Jets' Week 5 loss to the Cardinals, Bell liked several tweets criticizing how coach Adam Gase utilized him, including one that called

for the team to trade him.

The Jets granted Bell's wish when they released him on Oct. 13, allowing the three-year Pro Bowler to sign a one-year deal with the Chiefs two days later. Bell said he saw signing with Kansas City as a chance to "reinvent" himself after struggling to produce in 19 months in New York.

The Jets are now challenged with defending Bell, who many believe is a perfect fit for quarterback Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs offense.

"I have a lot of respect for him, I've been going against him since he started in the

league in lots of different offenses," defensive coordinator Gregg Williams said of Bell on a Zoom call Friday afternoon. "We'll have to see, is he going to come in like a Brian Westbrook back in the Philly days? Where are they utilizing him? I can call lots of different names that [Chiefs coach Andy Reid] has plugged in and moved people around to try to get advantages.

"We've just got to get ready to roll and our guys have a lot of respect for him, he can do a lot of good things."

Williams said considering Bell's time with the Jets, the team may have picked up on

a few of his "little nuances." But it is because of their familiarity with Bell and his competitive drive that the Jets' defense is anticipating a serious challenge.

"Going against someone of that level, who's explosive like he is and who is a good running back like he is, it's going to be fun to play," defensive end Quinnen Williams said Friday. "But got to go out there and execute as a defense, got to go out there and execute and do what we got to do as a scheme, as a coaching staff and as a defense to have a chance to win this game against a great

team that they have."

Outside linebacker Jordan Jenkins said he expects facing Bell to be similar to going up against him in training camp. Bell, however, has already shown how much different he can look without the Jets offense.

In his first game with the Chiefs last Sunday against the Broncos, two of Bell's six carries were for 16 yards. In 264 rushing attempts with the Jets, Bell rushed for more than 15 yards only once.

Boo!





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Williams unfazed by trade rumors

MOVING ON: Quinnen Williams said being mentioned in trade rumors didn't change how he felt about the Jets' organization.

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

By MOLLIE WALKER

Quinnen Williams said he didn't have a reaction to swirling reports that the Jets were shopping him.

When head coach Adam Gase publicly refuted the notion that Williams was on the trade block this week, it was all the same to Williams, who insisted Friday that he didn't pay any attention to such rumors in the first place.

"It was cool," the second-year defensive tackle said of the conversation Gase and general manager Joe Douglas had with him to put the trade reports to rest. "I really didn't see it in the media or look at it in the media. So when they told me, I was just like, 'Bet.' It didn't really change how I felt about the team, how I felt about the organization, I just want to work hard and do what I can do on Sundays.

"They didn't have to talk to me if they didn't want to, I was going to go play hard Sunday like I always do."

That's just how the 22-year-old has been since the Jets drafted him third-overall in 2019: Completely unfazed. It's going to take a lot more than outside murmurs to throw Williams off and make him question where he stands in the Jets' organization.

Considering he leads all interior defensive linemen with 18 stops, is third in run-stop percentage at 12.2 percent and is tied for fourth with 17 tackles against the run this season, per Pro Football Focus, it's only fitting that Williams' attention is strictly on the field.

Defensive coordinator Gregg Williams said Friday that he recognized the Alabama prod-

uct's will to grow "from Day 1." With more tackles for loss (5) through seven games this season than he had in 13 games as a rookie last year, Williams has shown he is capable of raising his ceiling year after year.

Limited by a high ankle sprain, Williams wasn't able to reach his full potential in his first NFL season. But it was how he handled himself during that time that makes the second-year defensive coordinator believe Williams is going to continue to progress.

"I mentioned this to you last year, the guts that he had and the strength that he had to play last year with that really significant injury that he had," Gregg Williams said. "And then this year, he's grown every single game. He's at the very top of our league for an interior guy in the run and pressures and hits and tackles for losses. He's only going to continue to get better and I believe that.

"He stays healthy, he's going to be really, really, really good and I'm glad he's here, I really am."

The 6-foot-3, 303-pound Williams is in the second year of his four-year rookie contract, which includes a fifth-year team option. Set to count \$9 million against the 2021 cap and \$10.6 million against the 2022 cap, Williams could be seen as an affordable option to interested teams.

However, between the organization's strong stance against the trade rumors, his current contributions to the defense and his general attitude, Williams looks like he'll be in green and white for the foreseeable future.

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Crowder, Perriman unlikely to play vs. KC

By PETER BOTTE

As if things couldn't get worse from their 0-7 start, the Jets are likely to be without two of their top three receivers Sunday against the defending Super Bowl champions.

Adam Gase said Friday that Breshad Perriman will miss this week's game against the Chiefs with a concussion, while Jamison Crowder also sounds likely to miss another game with a nagging groin injury.

"It's not looking great for Sunday," Gase said of Crowder, who sat out last week's loss to the Bills. "To be honest with you, I really felt good [Thursday] when we were in practice. [Crowder] was limited and we were trying to put him in a position of where we could figure out where he was at."

JETS NOTES

Gase said the Jets limited Crowder's workload all week in both individual and team drills. The six-year veteran also missed two games earlier in the season with a hamstring issue.

Gase views the absences of Perriman and Crowder as "a great opportunity for a lot of dudes," especially rookie Denzel Mims. The team's second-round pick out of Baylor had four receptions for 42 yards against Buffalo after missing the first six games with injuries to both hamstrings.

According to Gase, safety Bradley McDougald (shoulder) and linebacker Blake Cashman (hamstring) also have been ruled out.

► Kicker **Sam Ficken**, who missed last week's game against the Bills tested his injured groin in practice Friday and has been listed as doubtful. **Sergio Castillo** would dress if Ficken is unable to play; he converted his lone field goal attempt (29 yards) and PAT against Buffalo. Gase said "it would be tough" for the Jets to dress two kickers due to roster constraints.

► Offensive linemen **Connor McGovern** (non-COVID-19 illness) and **Josh Andrews** (shoulder), running back **Frank Gore** (hand) and linebacker **Jordan Jenkins** (ribs/shoulder) were listed as questionable.

SEEK & 'DESTROY'



JPP taking aim for Giants' necks on MNF

REMEMBER ME? Former Giant Jason Pierre-Paul, who last faced his former team during a Buccaneers loss in 2018 (above), said Big Blue “already know they made a mistake” by trading him. Now, the 31-year-old is looking to “destroy” the G-Men on Monday night. AP; Getty Images

THE Giants will see an old friend Monday night at MetLife Stadium. It may not, however, be a very friendly visit.

Not if Jason Pierre-Paul has his way. Pierre-Paul, the 31-year-old pass-rushing demon who produced 58.5 sacks in his eight seasons with the Giants before being traded to the Buccaneers in 2018, told reporters on Friday that he plans to “destroy” his former team when they meet Monday night.

Look out.

“I’m coming for their necks, and they know that,” Pierre-Paul said. “Jason Pierre-Paul ain’t going nowhere. I’m going to Monday Night Football and going to destroy the Giants.”

Pierre-Paul has played his former team once — in 2018 at MetLife Stadium, where he had 1.5 sacks and seven tackles in a 38-35 shootout loss to Eli Manning and the Giants.

The Giants weren’t very good back then, and currently at 1-6, they aren’t very good right now either. Pierre-Paul, meanwhile, is basking in the rebirth of both his own career and that of the 5-2 Buccaneers, whose world has been rocked with Tom Brady at quarterback.

“I’m happy to play Daniel Jones,” Pierre-Paul said of the Giants’ second-year quarterback. “Eli’s not there no more, so I won’t have to pick him up and say, ‘Eli, man, you good?’”

There, of course, was more.

“This game definitely means some-

thing special to me,” Pierre-Paul said. “You already know they made a mistake. When I left there, I got 12.5 [sacks] that year [2018]. And when I came back from a broken neck [last season], I got 8.5 that year. And, I’m having an amazing season this year.”

Pierre-Paul’s presence Monday night will serve as an ugly reminder of how far the Giants have fallen since his departure — particularly in the pass rush.

While Pierre-Paul is on pace for 12.5 sacks this season and is playing on a team likely headed for the playoffs, the Giants are 10-29 since he was traded and ranked 31st in sacks in 2018 and 22nd in 2019, though they are tied for eighth this season, with 18.

Pierre-Paul is thriving in Todd Bowles’ No. 3-ranked defense and figures to present a major problem for Jones and a Giants offensive line that was disrupted this week by COVID-19, when starting guard Will Hernandez tested positive and will be out for the game.

“It’s not that I’m trying to show them they made a mistake,” he said.

Except he is ... and has been since he was traded.

“It’s just the fact that I know that I wasn’t washed up or finished up,” Pierre-Paul said. “So, this [Monday], I have to

show them. It’s my old team, and we’ve got to show them the new Tampa Bay Buccaneers.”

Facing a super-motivated Pierre-Paul is not good timing for a Giants offensive line that was disrupted on Thursday by the COVID-19 scare with most of the starters having to sit out practice as a protocol precaution until they tested negative and were cleared.

“He’s still a very effective player,” Giants offensive line coach Marc Colombo said of Pierre-Paul this week.

“He’s always been someone that’s been disruptive, both in the run game, affect-

ing the quarterback in the passing game,” Giants offensive coordinator Jason Garrett said Friday. “[He’s] always one of those guys when you’re breaking the huddle, you’re saying, ‘Where’s number 90?’”

The mere presence of No. 90 will serve as a painful reminder to the Giants of a transaction gone bad.

General manager Dave Gettleman traded him to the Bucs in exchange for a 2018 third-round pick (No. 69) and they swapped fourth-round picks, dropping from No. 102 to No. 108.

Gettleman drafted defensive tackle B.J. Hill and quarterback Kyle Lauletta with the those picks. Hill has become nothing



Mark Cannizzaro

more than a part-time player who has 7.5 sacks in 39 games. Lauletta was cut after one season.

Gettleman, in the meantime, has not come close to replacing Pierre-Paul’s pass rushing production.

With Markus Golden, the Giants’ only pass-rushing threat the past two seasons, having been recently traded, they’ll be trying to manufacture pressure on Brady with Kyler Fackrell, Cam Brown (2020 sixth-round pick), Trent Harris (signed to the practice squad two weeks ago) and Jabaal Sheard (signed off the Jaguars practice squad last week) at outside linebacker.

So, Giants fans, when you see No. 90 on Monday night, look away.

Giants defensive coordinator Patrick Graham, who was Pierre-Paul’s position coach in 2016-17, won’t be able to, because he’s still in awe of his former player, for whom he still has admiration.

“He’s a different human being walking among us,” Graham said Friday. “His skill level [has] improved as he’s gotten older. In terms of a person ... he was a guy who was funny, kept the room light. It was a pleasure to be around him.”

Unfortunately for Graham and the Giants, the pleasure may be all Pierre-Paul’s on Monday night.

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By ZACH BRAZILLER

Crisis averted — for now. The Giants received the best possible news for a change. It turns out they will not have to scramble to field enough offensive linemen to face the Buccaneers on Monday.

All six of the offensive linemen — including starters Andrew Thomas, Cameron Fleming and Nick Gates — who were sent home on Thursday as “close contacts” after starting left guard Will Hernandez tested positive for COVID-19, returned to the practice facility on Friday and were able to practice. So were practice squad receiver Binjimen Victor, defensive backs coach Jerome Henderson and outside linebackers coach Bret Biema, who also had to quarantine.

“I think it was a great opportunity for the team to see how everyone has to step up and be ready at all times,” coach Joe Judge said on Friday. “Obviously, we were relieved that there were no more positive tests at this moment and that our guys are back in the building working. We just need to put the emphasis on [the idea that] we have to continue to be very cautious, and we have to be proactive in the steps we take.”

Out of precaution, the Giants (1-6) held virtual meetings on Thursday and Friday, and they wore either masks or facial shields in practice. Hernandez was placed on the reserve/COVID-19 list after testing positive Wednesday night and is in quarantine. Hernandez needs two negative tests 24 hours apart to be able to return and is expected to be replaced in the starting lineup by rookie Shane Lemieux when the

0-linemen return after ‘close’ call with COVID



BACK TO WORK: Andrew Thomas and the other five Giants offensive linemen who were sent home Thursday, after Will Hernandez tested positive for COVID-19, returned to practice on Friday.

UPI

Giants face the Buccaneers fourth-ranked defense.

According to Gates, Hernandez was disappointed about not being able to play — he had started every game since getting picked in the second round of the 2018 NFL Draft — but is feeling well otherwise.

Gates said he received a phone call at 6:15 Thursday morning regarding Hernandez and his classification as a “close contact.” He had to pass three tests — one on Thursday and two more on Friday before getting cleared to return.

“[I was] just trying to stay

positive and keep being optimistic about it,” Gates said. “Try to stay positive and control what I can control. Try to get ready for the game and do the best I can to make myself ready if I was able to go. It looks like I’m going to be able to so just stay on track.”

Due to contract tracing, the Giants only had four offensive linemen able to practice on Thursday. Kevin Zeitler was the lone starter available, with backups Matt Peart and Jackson Barton also able to work-out, along with practice squad lineman Kyle Murphy. Tight

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end Eric Tomlinson filled in up front.

“I think he was born to block, so pretty good,” Judge said. “He’s probably happy he can get a few more cheeseburgers on the diet.”

Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett said the Giants made some adjustments, like working on early-down passing and more 7-on-7 drills. There was also no scout team offensive line for the starting defense to face, so a few defensive players switched to the offensive side of the ball.

“It was a really interesting challenge, obviously,” Garrett said. “I don’t know if we’ve ever been out on a practice field where you try to function with four offensive linemen, a couple young guys playing, guys playing out of position, and then Eric Tomlinson playing right tackle for you. But I thought those guys handled it really, really well.”

It, of course, was a relief that nobody else tested positive and the Giants were able to have a normal practice Friday. It doesn’t mean they are out of the woods yet. Testing will continue. But for now, they seem to have avoided an outbreak.

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Jints to see what they missed in Wirfs

By ZACH BRAZILLER

It would be understandable if general manager Dave Gettleman and the Giants are dealing with buyer’s remorse.

On Monday night, they will get an up-close look at what might have been.

Tristan Wirfs — the NFL’s highest-graded rookie offensive tackle according to Pro Football Focus — will be in town playing right tackle for the Buccaneers.

“He looks like a really good lineman,” Giants defensive lineman Leonard Williams said

Unlike struggling Giants rookie left tackle Andrew Thomas, Wirfs has been playing on the right side and is off to a fast start,

having allowed just a single sack. Thomas, meanwhile, has allowed six sacks — which is tied for the most in the NFL — and 37 quarterback pressures this season, according to PFF. He was drafted fourth overall, while Wirfs was picked 13th by Tampa Bay.

“Obviously, he’s really big and he’s strong but there are moments where he’s still a rookie,” Williams said of Wirfs. “There’s a weakness in everybody’s game that you can find. We’re going to try to attack that as much as possible.”

The Giants are hoping to see Thomas flash similar potential.

➤ The **Markus Golden** trade opened up a spot at outside linebacker, giving rookie sixth-round pick **Cam Brown** more of an opportunity. Brown has stood out so far on special teams and has earned praise from the coaching

staff, though he has received only 19 snaps on defense.

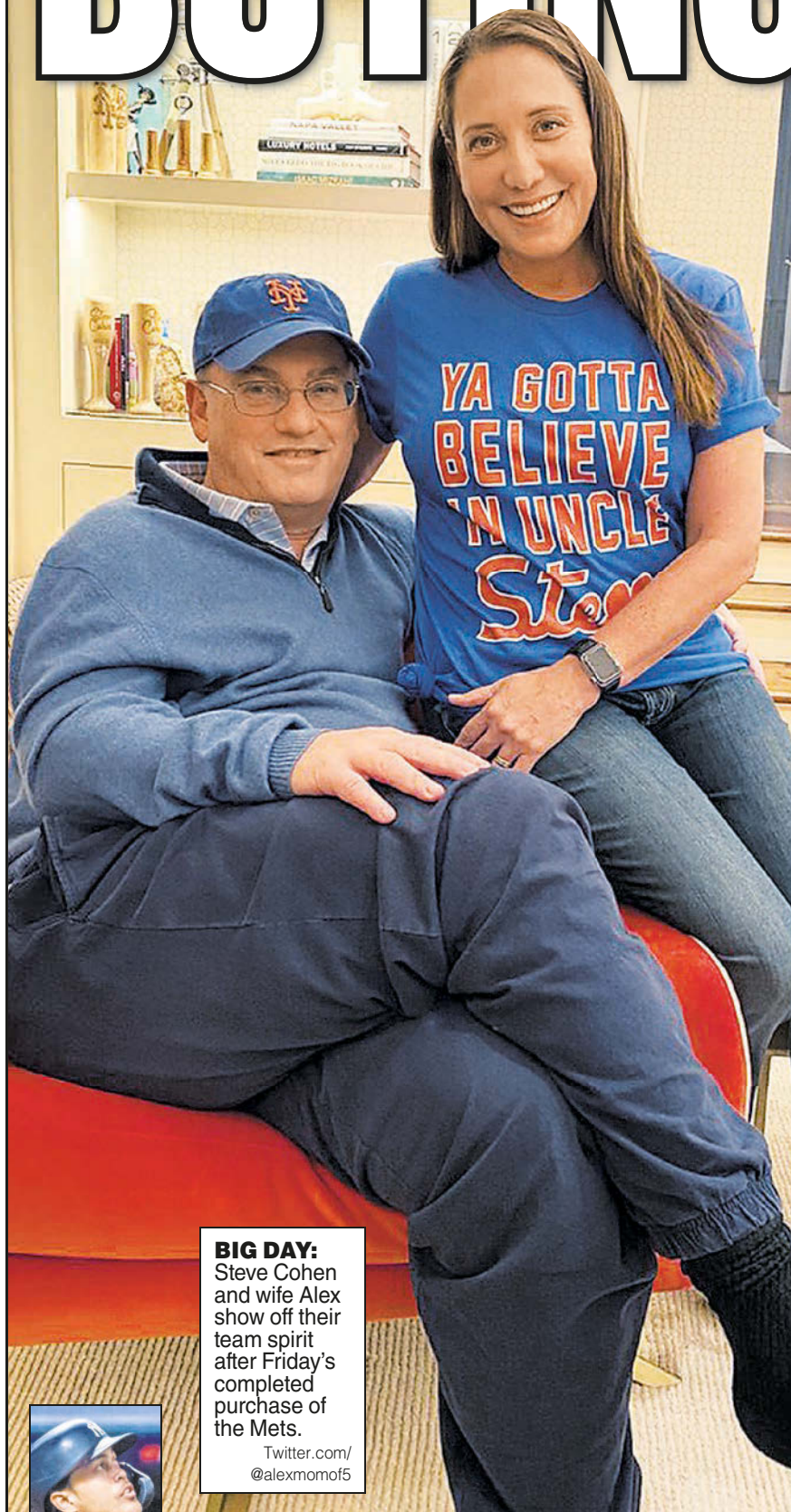
“Cam has made a lot of progress for us,” coach **Joe Judge** said. “He’s obviously developed a lot through the kicking game, and for a young player, exposure on the field in coverage units really builds in directly to your development as a defensive player. ... Seeing the ball, getting to the ball, playing with leverage, getting off blocks, learning the speed of the game. That’s all been instrumental in Cam’s development, and he’s made a lot of progress in the package we’ve used him in.”

➤ Running back **Devonta Freeman** (ankle) missed practice again while defensive backs **Adrian Colbert** (shoulder) and **Darnay Holmes** (neck) remained limited.

GIANTS NOTES

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BUYING A SOUL



BIG DAY: Steve Cohen and wife Alex show off their team spirit after Friday's completed purchase of the Mets.

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Cohen ensures Mets will shed their scrappy underdog identity

WE'VE seen this Mets fairy tale so many times in so many arenas, be it an athlete landing a long-term deal, a United States President cashing in upon his departure from the White House or the Judy Blume young-adult novel "Then Again, Maybe I Won't":

Can you strike it rich and not change who you are?

The Mets, not always winners (to put it generously), always have been charmers. They are 72-year-old Casey Stengel guiding their very first effort to a historically awful 40-120. They are Banner Day. They are the Home Run Apple. They are, more often than not in their history, the underdog.

Therein lies the challenge for Steve Cohen, definitely not the underdog. Can the Mets' new owner, immediately the wealthiest member of the fraternity he just joined with Friday's joint developments — the Major League Baseball owners and Mayor Bill de Blasio approving Cohen's purchase of the club from the Wilpons — guide this team to its powerhouse potential without compromising its brand of lovability? In a market in which Yankees fans regard any failure to win a title as an utter disaster, can the Mets both challenge the Yankees and not become them?

Day 1 went well on this front, as Cohen made sure to mention that his family are "life-long Mets fans," and threw some red meat to his customers by mentioning, "With free agency starting Sunday night we will be working towards a quick close. Let's go Mets!" He also backed up his previous promises to take care of the Mets' blue-collar employees (groundskeepers, security guards and engineers) by restoring their pre-pandemic salaries as of Sunday, plus to increase the giving of the Mets Foundation, plus (as per negotiations with de Blasio to get the mayor's sign-off) to make a \$17.5-million donation to area small businesses hurt by the coronavirus.

Now he just has to build on that, and let's face it, Cohen didn't establish his own brand, one welcomed overwhelmingly by Mets fans, by being warm and fuzzy — or by appearing particularly fallible or even human, really.

He's more Terminator than Kindergarten Cop.

The Wilpons were nothing if not fallible, of course, their list of missteps far too vast to enumerate here. They didn't grade perfectly on the humanity front, either, as evidenced by Noah Syndergaard's statement to The Post's Mike Puma when Friday's news broke: "All I plead is that the new owner treats players and personnel in the organization like people and less like expendable commodities."

Nevertheless, part of the Wilpons' legacy will be how the Mets rallied in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. How Shea Stadium turned into a staging area for relief workers,

with Bobby Valentine and his players and coaches helping out, and how Mike Piazza's dramatic homer 10 days later led to many grieving people learning organically that they were capable of emoting over something as insignificant as a ballgame. The Wilpons maintained their dedication to those who lost loved ones that horrible day through their dedication to the non-profit Tuesday's Children.

These owners loved their team and made it their primary focus and yes, they actually did want to win, even if their actions often proved self-defeating or insufficient.

In a statement Friday, Fred Wilpon said of Cohen: "He shares the view that Saul [Katz], Jeff and I have long held, that ownership of the Mets is a public trust. I know that he will take that as seriously as we always have."

If the Bernie Madoff fiasco forever damaged the trust Mets fans held in the Wilpons and Katzes, it also made loyalty an even greater badge of honor, and the occasional payoffs like 2015 all the sweeter. That team, too, featured so much charm, or at least color: Syndergaard, Matt Harvey, Yoenis Cespedes, Bartolo Colon.

Can a fully operational Death Star be charming? Or will the Mets have to give that charm up for good? Here's hoping Cohen, a seer of sorts, finds a way to thread that needle. What a shame it would be for the Mets, no longer scrappy, tacky or second-tier, to lose their soul.

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PAY BALL!

With Cohen's fat wallet, Mets will be players in free agency

By MIKE PUMA

As other teams look to shed payroll amid a pandemic, Steve Cohen figures to bring a fat wallet to free agency.

The new Mets owner — who will close his \$2.4 billion deal to acquire the team from Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz within the next 10 days — seemed anxious to get started Friday, after receiving league approval to take control of the club.

“With free agency starting Sunday night, we will be working towards a quick close,” Cohen said in a statement.

The Mets will have the luxury of going top-of-the-market to fill needs at catcher and within the starting rotation. The two most obvious pursuits would be J.T. Realmuto and Trevor Bauer, the top position player and starting pitcher, respectively, available through free agency. George Springer is another top free-agent available and would fill a need for a potent right-handed bat and center fielder.

Also expect the Mets to beef up their analytics staff and technology, two areas of weakness. The Mets presently have six staffers in analytics. It isn't uncommon for MLB teams to employ 20-plus analysts.

The front office, under new team president Sandy Alderson, likely will be reshaped. Cohen announced last month his plan to hire Alderson, providing the new owner with a respected baseball counsel as he assumes the reins.

Bobby Heck, a special assistant with the Rays, has emerged as a possibility to assume a prominent role in baseball operations, according to industry sources. The 54-year-old Heck was previously the scouting director with the Astros, over-

seeing drafts that formed the nucleus of a World Series champion and perennial playoff team. Heck has also been linked to the general manager openings with the Phillies and Angels.

Heck's name surfaced in 2018 when the Mets were searching for Alderson's replacement in the GM seat. A source said it was Cohen, then a Mets minority owner, who suggested Heck to team COO Jeff Wilpon. The job instead went to Brodie Van Wagenen, who is now left dangling amid the transfer of ownership to Cohen.

Billy Owens, an assistant GM with Oakland, is potentially on Alderson's radar. Alderson served as a consultant to Athletics executive Billy Beane the last two seasons, where he forged a working relationship with the 49-year-old Owens.

Former Mets special assistant J.P. Ricciardi, who has twice worked under Alderson, can't be discounted. The 61-year-old Ricciardi has spent the past two seasons as a special assistant with the Giants and is among the candidates for the Angels' GM opening. Ricciardi was the Blue

Jays' GM for eight seasons before coming to the Mets.

Alderson is expected to hire a president of baseball operations who would report to him, along with a general manager. Van Wagenen has two years remaining on his contract, but the odds are stacked against his return. A source said Alderson has communicated with Van Wagenen on a limited basis in recent weeks, but it's unlikely the GM's future was finalized during those discussions.

A source said there is a possibility director of player development Jared Banner will depart the organization. Banner arrived from the Red Sox with assistant general manager Al-lard Baird, who was hired by Van Wagenen.

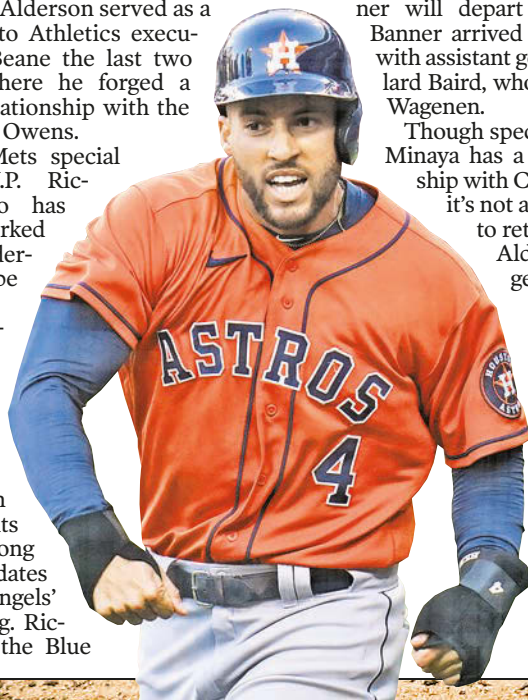
Though special assistant Omar Minaya has a personal relationship with Cohen, a source said it's not a slam dunk for him to return to the Mets, as Alderson likely will get the final say.

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HEY BIG SPENDER:

Trevor Bauer (right), J.T. Realmuto (top left) and George Springer (left) are among the free agents the Mets will be in the mix for this offseason.

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SALE TO COHEN FINALIZED



THE NEW owner of the Mets has the initials S.C., and on Friday that resonated like Santa Claus as much as Steve Cohen.

It was hard to tell who was more euphoric, Mets fans or the agent community, that Cohen had cleared the final hurdles to gain ownership of the franchise. Aptly, Mets fans are excited because the agents are. For suddenly, the Mets are viable for every player on the menu.



Joel Sherman

One veteran agent said, "The Mets are going to play and play big this winter."

If you ask how the representative knew this when Cohen was supposed to be laying low until final approval, then know there are no secrets in the world. And also this shouldn't be much of a secret. Cohen walks in as the richest owner in the major leagues — and not by a little. He walks in as a lifelong Mets fan. He walks in with a reputation when it comes to his businesses that winning is the only acceptable option.

Will that translate to running the Mets? Who knows? Plenty of folks have thrown money at problems in sports without success. Plenty of folks have been successful in one arena, but not in owning a team.

But what is certain is the Mets are now heavyweights in every way. J.T. Realmuto and George Springer are in play in free agency. Francisco Lindor in a trade. The Mets will not have to pinch pennies to keep up in front-office personnel or technology. They now become the Steinbrenner Yankees, so their fans can scream about the 50 players they want for 26 spots.

In fact, Cohen should enjoy the honeymoon now and brace for the fraying of goodwill that will begin with the first Realmuto or Springer or Lindor that goes elsewhere. Even for Santa Claus, it is not Christmas every day.

What Mets fans can be satisfied with, though, is that Cohen's team will not be "monitoring" these situations. That was a favorite term of Wilpon ownership in an attempt to present the public perception they were involved in something when knowing full well the Mets were never going to spend the money necessary to more than monitor the situation.

Cohen had many obstacles to



HO-HO-HO: Christmas has come early for Mets fans in the form of new owner Steve Cohen.

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

A Santa Claus comes to town

overcome to become Mets owner. None was money. He paid a record \$2.4 billion amid a pandemic, and if \$2.5 billion would have been necessary, he would have done that.

But there were obstacles because his purchase is imperfect.

In a matter of a few minutes on Friday, the Tigers named A.J. Hinch as manager and MLB's owners approved the sale of the Mets to Cohen. Thus, a central figure in the biggest on-field scandal in history (the Astros' illegal sign-stealing) was named a manager again 72 hours after his one-year suspension concluded. And MLB owners approved the man whose hedge fund was responsible for paying the largest fine (\$1.8 billion) ever for insider trading.

How much do you check your morality at the door? I would totally understand a stance that neither Hinch nor Cohen should have had their moment Friday.

But I also see what Tigers and Mets fans could see in candidates who passed through whatever vetting processes existed to have those moments Friday.

For a case could be made that nobody was better suited to manage the Tigers than Hinch — experience with massive rebuilding, championship pedigree, player-personnel background and wizardry at handling media.

And if you were drawing up a Mets owner, wouldn't it be a lifelong fan with the deepest pockets in the game? The kind of guy who would understand what it would mean to the fan base, for example, to be able to steal DJ LeMahieu from the Yankees to play third base if — of all things — the Yan-

kees would not pay what LeMahieu was seeking in free agency?

Thursday that was not possible. Now it is.

Cohen walks in at a time when austerity is going to reign through much of the major league landscape. Owners took a huge revenue hit in 2020 and are projecting more of the same for 2021. Most are going to slash payroll. It is why the agent community is so overjoyed that Cohen showed up with his Mets passion and wallet.

It is not just that he can play on elite free agents. It is that he can play on anything. Consider that the relief market is expected to be extremely depressed this offseason because — among other things — it is flooded with options. But if the Mets, for example, decide Liam Hendricks, Brad Hand and Darren O'Day are the best options to upgrade, then Sandy Alderson will not have to just pick one. These are the new Mets. The Mets can have them all.

And this is an offseason to try to fill holes. Because the market rotates to Cohen's favor. But also because Cohen — a Mets fan — will know he is augmenting a team that has underachieved the last two years. The Mets have contending talent with Jacob deGrom and a strong positional nucleus. The right moves could quickly elevate the Mets to more than just contenders.

All that matters now is the expertise to decide on the right moves. Of course, that expertise is not easy. But what is gone now is the obstacle of cost.

For when you have Santa Claus on your side, all gifts are available.

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On Friday, the Wilpons and Katzes finalized their \$2.4 billion sale of the Mets to Steve Cohen, a monumental day in the franchise's history. How could you not have questions about this? How could we not have answers?

Q: So what's the first step? A firing? A signing? Both at once?

A: You've waited a very long time for this moment, and now you'll have to wait a few more days until the sale officially closes. Once that occurs, Sandy Alderson, as Cohen already announced, will become the Mets' president, overseeing both baseball and business operations. Few if any would be surprised if Alderson kicks off his second Mets tour of duty by dismissing current general manager Brodie Van Wagenen.

Q: Who would replace Van Wagenen, and what about Luis Rojas in the manager's office?

A: The most important answer here is "multiple people." As The Post's Mike Puma has reported, Cohen and Alderson will strive to replicate the front-office structure of many teams by employing both a president of baseball operations and a general manager. Bobby Heck, Billy Owens and J.P. Ricciardi rank as possible candidates, and there'll be more. While the heads of baseball ops will decide on Rojas, it can't hurt the skipper's case, his shaky rookie year notwithstanding, that he served as a minor league manager during all eight of Alderson's seasons as general manager.

Q: How significant a housecleaning of the organization should we anticipate?

A: Not a massive one, outside the likely departure of Van Wagenen and possibly some of his deputies. Alderson knows many of the employees from his previous time with the Mets and doesn't appear inclined to replace people by the scores. For instance, Alderson appreciates first-hand the goodwill that organizational institution Jay Horwitz, team historian and vice president of alumni public relations, brings with him.

Q: How active will Cohen be in the club's day-

to-day operations?

A: This is always a "Time will tell" situation. Some owners wind up spending far more time than they envision and others far less. Cohen, however, begins his reign with quite the day job, running Point72 Asset Management.

Q: What will the Wilpons do now?

A: They still own the Mets' regional network, SNY, although they have largely delegated there and are not expected to increase their involvement. It's natural to wonder whether they'll eventually sell that, too. They also can spend more time on their real estate holdings through their company, Sterling Equities. Both Fred and Jeff Wilpon are very involved with scholarships and sports at the University of Michigan, Fred's alma mater.

Q: Will Citi Field change at all?

A: It is customary for new ownership to put its imprint on a ballpark, like when Derek Jeter memorably removed the Home Run Sculpture from Marlins Park. However, nothing so dramatic seems likely from the get-go. The biggest fan complaint about Citi, arguably the Wilpons' crowning achievement, might be the Jackie Robinson Rotunda (because Robinson never played for the Mets), but that won't be going anywhere.

Q: OK, the big question: How high will the payroll go, and how quickly will it get there?

A: While Cohen may be a loaded Mets fan, he didn't get this rich by ignoring realities. Reality bites right now, in the form of 2021 revenues being seriously in question thanks to the coronavirus, so don't expect him to immediately, dramatically increase the Mets' payroll, which would have been about \$192 million (as per luxury-tax calculations, thanks to Spotrac) last year if not for the shutdown. Approaching the Yankees, who figure to be in the \$210 million neighborhood, does seem feasible, and while it's not yet clear how much arbitration-eligible players will make thanks to the COVID-reduced 2020 campaign, spending that much would allow the Mets to pursue at least one high-end free agent.

— Ken Davidoff



Brodie Van Wagenen

MEET THE MET\$

The Wilpon highs and lows

The Post's Mike Puma takes a look back at the Wilpon era, which concluded Friday with the sale of the Mets to Steve Cohen:

HIGHS



2000: The Mets, co-owned by Fred Wilpon and Nelson Doubleday, win the National League pennant and play the Yankees in the first Subway World Series since 1956, losing in five games. It's the Mets' first World Series appearance since beating the Red Sox 14 years earlier, when Wilpon was still a minority partner.

2001: Following the 9/11 attacks, the Mets are forefront in the community as part of New York City's healing.

2006: The Wilpons launch SNY, a team-owned network, to carry their games. Gary Cohen, Keith Hernandez and Ron Darling are hired for the network and remain in place among MLB's premier broadcast teams.

2006: The Mets, with Carlos Beltran, Carlos Delgado, David Wright and Jose Reyes among the stars, win their first NL East title since 1988 before advancing to the NLCS and losing to the Cardinals in Game 7.

2009: Citi Field opens, replacing Shea Stadium. Fred Wilpon's vision of an Ebbets Field-type venue for his team is realized, but many fans aren't enamored of a ballpark that seems like more of a shrine to the Dodgers than to the Mets.



2015: After Yoenis Cespedes' arrival at the trade deadline, the Mets storm to their first NL East title in nine years, reaching the World Series for the first time since 2000. The championship dream ends with a loss to the Royals in five games.

LOWS



2000: The Mets buy out the \$5.9 million remaining on Bobby Bonilla's contract, agreeing to a restructuring with deferrals. Bonilla in 2011 begins receiving \$1.19 million every July 1 in what has become known as Bobby Bonilla Day. Those payments won't expire until 2035. Bonilla's payments include eight percent annual interest

— a yield the Wilpons felt comfortable they could top through investing with Bernie Madoff.

2007-08: After their loss to the Cardinals in the 2006 NLCS, the Mets miss the playoffs in consecutive years in similar fashion, by losing to the Marlins on the final day of the regular season.

2008: Madoff is arrested for running a Ponzi scheme, and Fred Wilpon's wealth decreases by roughly \$500 million overnight. Wilpon, who earlier profited from his investments with Madoff, later receives a favorable ruling in a clawback lawsuit that helps him keep the team.

2011: Fred Wilpon criticizes Beltran, Wright and Reyes in a New Yorker piece written by Jeffrey Toobin (presumably with both hands on the keyboard). The Mets owner apologizes to all three players.

2015: The Mets settle a lawsuit with Leigh Castergine, a former senior vice president for ticket sales who said she was frequently humiliated by Jeff Wilpon for her out-of-wedlock pregnancy. The suit alleged Wilpon stated in a meeting with the team's all-male executives that he was "morally opposed" to Castergine "having this baby without being married."



IN
Steve Cohen

MR.

- MLB approves Cohen as franchise's new owner
- City gives deal blessing
- Syndergaard won't shed any tears for Wilpons' exit

By MIKE PUMA

Halloween, New Year's Eve and an official end to Groundhog Day were all rolled into one Friday for the Mets.

Steve Cohen went from hedge-fund billionaire to the richest owner in MLB. And the team he will be presiding over is none other than the Mets, ending nearly two decades of sole family ownership by Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz.

The 64-year-old Cohen received 26 of 30 votes from MLB owners, approving his \$2.4 billion purchase of the team from Wilpon and his brother-in-law Katz to become Mets majority owner and control person. Only 23 "yes" votes were required. Shortly after, Mayor Bill de Blasio signed off on the deal, clearing the final hurdle for Cohen, who grew up a Mets fan on Long Island and was a minority shareholder in the team.

"I am humbled that MLB's owners have approved me to be the next owner of the New York Mets," Cohen said in a statement. "Owning a team is a great privilege and an awesome responsibility. I would like to thank the owners and Commissioner [Rob] Manfred and his team for welcoming me to Major League Baseball."

"And I want to thank Fred Wil-



OUT
The Wilpons

pon for inviting me to buy into the franchise in 2012. Fred is one of the game's true gentlemen and I consider it to be an honor to be the new owner of this iconic franchise."

Cohen's first act was to announce his intention to donate \$17.5 million to New York City small businesses and to pledge a dramatic increase in giving to the Mets Foundation in coming years. He also said he will reinstitute all pre-pandemic salaries for Mets employees.

As The Post reported in recent days, de Blasio had been searching for legal loopholes that would kill the sale to Cohen, or at least delay

it. Two law firms hired by the Mets to study the matter both concluded the mayor would be without legal standing in trying to block Cohen.

"The New York City Law Department has completed its legal review of the proposed sale of the Mets," de Blasio said in a statement. "New York City does not object to the sale, and the Mets may proceed with the transaction."

Cohen has an estimated net worth of \$14 billion and is expected to invest heavily in a team that has faced financial restrictions in recent years. And the Mets' tortured fan base were not the only ones trumpeting Cohen's arrival.

SALE TO COHEN FINALIZED

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Anthony J. Causi (2)

"All I plead is that the new owner treats players and personnel in the organization like people and less like expendable commodities," Mets right-hander Noah Syndergaard told The Post. "That being said, I couldn't be more excited having the real life Bobby Axelrod leading the charge."

Axelrod is the fictional character, based on Cohen, from the Showtime series "Billions."

Among the issues facing Cohen in the approval process was the fact his former hedge fund, S.A.C. Capital Advisors, pleaded guilty to insider trader charges and was fined \$1.8 billion. Cohen was reprimanded by the Securities and Exchange Commission and received a two-year ban from managing outside money. Cohen's current firm, Point72, faced a gender-discrimination lawsuit from a female employee, which alleged unfair pay practices and a sexist work environment. That case was settled out of court.

Wilpon and Katz became the Mets' sole owners in 2002, after buying out Nelson Doubleday's 50 percent stake in the team. Wilpon and Katz were heavily invested with Bernie Madoff, whose 2008 arrest for running a Ponzi scheme choked the club's finances.

Cohen entered exclusive negotiations to buy the Mets last winter,

but the deal disintegrated over disagreement about team COO Jeff Wilpon's future role in the organization. The initial agreement called for Wilpon to retain his title for five years.

The Mets remained for sale through baseball's shutdown for the pandemic, with a group fronted by Alex Rodriguez and Jennifer Lopez making a strong push. Another group, headed by 76ers and Devils managing partners David Blitzer and Josh Harris, also emerged. Final bids were submitted in August, at which time Cohen again entered into exclusive negotiations to buy the team. Cohen's deal does not include SNY.

Cohen has told associates he expects the Mets to lose about \$400 million over his first two years as the new owner.

Fred Wilpon expressed gratitude the deal got approved.

"It's been a privilege and honor for our families to have been a part of this great franchise for 40 years," Wilpon said in a statement, also on behalf of Katz. "We would like to express our deep appreciation for our loyal and passionate fans who have consistently supported this organization through the years."

"I know that Steve Cohen and his family share the same passion we've had for the Mets and for this City."

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FOR MOST of the 37 years in which he owned the Yankees, a quote George Steinbrenner issued on the day he officially put together a group to purchase his baseball team alternately haunted him and caused gales of laughter in his wake because of the supreme irony attached to every syllable.

"We plan absentee ownership as far as the running the Yankees is concerned. I am a shipbuilder. I will not interfere in the baseball," Steinbrenner said on Jan. 3, 1973, which was more or less one day, give or take, from when he began to interfere in the baseball.

It was a little more than seven years later when the other team in town was sold, and while Fred Wilpon — like Steinbrenner with the Yankees — only put up a small portion of his own money to help seal the deal, he was far chattier than his partners, Nelson Doubleday and John O. Pickett, when the lights went on at the old Shea Stadium Diamond Club on Jan. 25, 1980.

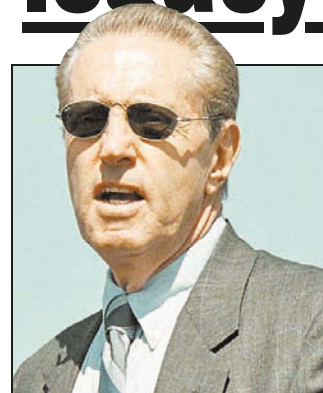
"New York deserves — baseball deserves — a National League franchise in New York that is successful every year, that's the envy of every other club in baseball," Fred Wilpon said that day. "We will do whatever is necessary to bring a winning team to New York, and soon."

There is a sadness to the legacy Fred Wilpon leaves behind now, because when people think of his 40-year stewardship, they do not recall this quote as handily or as readily as they did Steinbrenner's — and his was actually the prophetic one. The team Wilpon and Doubleday took over in 1980 was badly broken, a dreadful joke, a pitiable mess.

Within seven years, the Mets were world champions, winners of 116 games, overseeing the most envied operation in the game. Not only had they seized New York back from the Yankees, but also they'd all but buried them — much to the daily chagrin of Steinbrenner. If the tale could have ended there, maybe the story of Fred Wilpon, child of Bensonhurst and Lafayette High class of 1954, would have a far different public interpretation.

Surely on Jan. 25, 1980, or on Oct. 27, 1986, it would have been difficult to imagine the widespread rejoicing that accompanied the news of Oct. 30, 2020, when Wilpon and his family at last parted ways with the Mets,

Madoff altered legacy forever



FRED WILPON
Flying high pre-Madoff.

when the sale to Steve Cohen was approved 26-4 by MLB owners, when Mayor Bill de Blasio at last skipped out of the way of the sale.

And make no mistake: there was rejoicing.

There was glee among rank-and-file Mets fans all over New York and beyond, folks for whom the name "Wilpon" had devolved into a four-letter word. That isn't unusual, of course; disillusioned fans of chronically losing teams usually affix their harshest glares and appoint their angriest oaths to owners, because they are the constants.

Managers and general managers get fired. Players get traded, get released, get older. Owners are forever. And they own permanent places on the public griddle of the sporting landscape. Ask Jim Dolan. Ask the Johnson brothers. Ask John Mara and Steve Tisch, who used to be the most popular owners in town. Surely Steinbrenner could have gone chapter and verse on the subject.

So can Fred Wilpon. Perhaps the preponderance of Mets-fan anger was directed the last 10 or 12 years at his son, Jeff, who emerged as the franchise's face, but it was Fred who helped steer the Mets out of the prosperous mid-1980s headlong into the calamitous early-1990s, Fred who engineered the ugly ouster of Doubleday in 2002, Fred who wound up publicly mocking his best players in an unfortunate in-

terview in The New Yorker in 2011.

And Fred who befriended Bernie Madoff.

That last bit of misfortune dominated the last dozen years of his ownership because the untold millions that vanished into thin air shadowed and haunted the franchise every single day after Madoff was arrested Dec. 11, 2008. Every transaction the Mets made — or didn't make — on every day since passed through the prism of that pyramid scam.

Again: it wasn't always this way. It was Wilpon who broke the bank (however ill-advised) for Bobby Bonilla in 1992, Wilpon who agreed (even if he needed prodding) to give Mike Piazza \$91 million in 1998, Wilpon who chose to sign both Pedro Martinez and Carlos Beltran within a few weeks of each other in 2005.

Calling him "cheap" was never fair and it was never accurate. But after Madoff, what had begun as a run of bad luck became something else, something darker, something more sinister. Even the Mets' astounding run to the 2015 World Series couldn't remove the stain. In a jocular Wrigley Field visitor's clubhouse that October, I asked Fred if he felt vindicated.

"I feel relieved," he said.

But it was only temporary, and even as he vowed to keep the team in his family "for generations to come," this day felt inevitable for a long time. So Friday, it was Cohen who was hailed a franchise savior, a title that 40 years ago Fred Wilpon wore like a flag pin on his lapel. In a fair world, Wilpon would be more easily remembered as that brash Brooklynite who actually delivered on an outlandish promise once upon a time.

But in a fair world, he never would have met Bernie Madoff. He never would have allowed his team to fall under that notorious umbrella. And his departure wouldn't be greeted like the fall of a failed emperor. In this world, all of that happened. In this world, at the end, it turns out the best thing he ever did for the fans of his baseball team was to sell it.

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NEWS AT APPLE TV+
"Ted Lasso," starring Jason Sudeikis (right), has been renewed for a third season; John Turturro (below) has joined upcoming workplace drama **"Severance,"** directed by Ben Stiller.



CANDID CAMERA Writer/comedian/performer **Ziwe** (right) has snared a straight-to-series deal at Showtime. The untitled show will be along the lines of her popular Instagram live show, which features her in candid interviews and sketches. No word yet on a premiere date.



TV Saturday

TRADING PLACES

How the pandemic has impacted the casts of these television shows

By LAUREN SARNER

TIME to shuffle the deck. The pandemic has thrown a wrench into Hollywood's plans, impacting TV shows across the board. For some, this means premature cancellations — even when they initially got the green light for a renewal (Showtime's **"On Becoming a God in Central Florida"** or ABC's **"Stumptown"**).

For others it means losing a star or shaking up the cast, when production delays and shutdowns affect actors' availability.

Here are the biggest shows that were forced to make casting changes due to COVID.

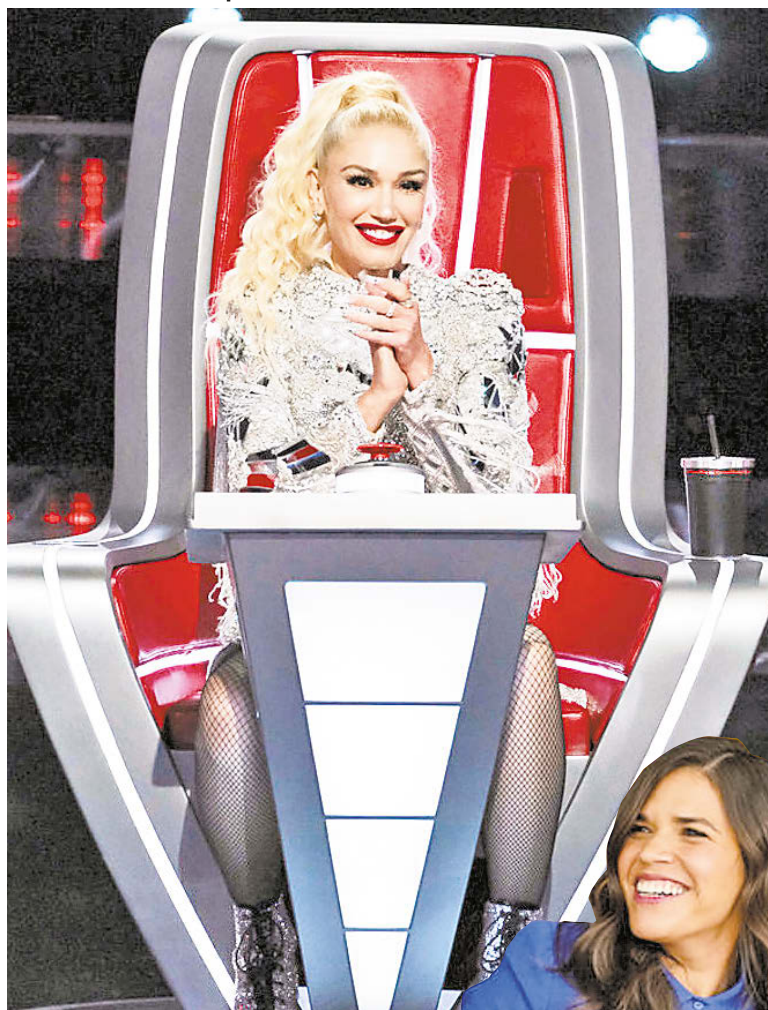
"Dr. Death"

Jamie Dornan was initially set to star in this Peacock limited series as Dr. Christopher Duntsch, but it was announced on Oct. 13 that he dropped out due to pandemic-related production delays. He's being replaced by Joshua Jackson (inset above) as respected Dallas neurosurgeon hiding an evil side — which he took out on his patients. Jackson is a good choice since he's a pillar of the community with dark secrets in **"The Affair"** and **"Little Fires Everywhere."** "Dr. Death" does not yet have a premiere date.



"9-1-1: Lone Star"

After a career in the movies and prestigious dramas (**"The Leftovers"**), Liv Tyler (inset above) made her network TV debut opposite Rob Lowe in the spinoff from **"9-1-1."** Season 1 of **"Lone Star"** aired from January to March. Unfortunately, her time



playing chief paramedic Michelle Blake was short-lived. Tyler, who lives with her family in London, was reportedly reluctant to fly to LA to film Season 2 amidst coronavirus concerns.

She won't be replaced, but network TV mainstay Gina Torres (**"Suits"**) will step into the second season to play a new character who's re-entering the workforce after her husband loses his restaurant job due to the pandemic.

Season 2 will premiere in January.



"The Witcher"

The Netflix fantasy swords-and-monsters epic starring Henry Cavill initially cast Danish actor Thue Ersted Ramussen as Eskel, a fellow Witcher (magical monster-hunter) character who's a fan



favorite from the books and video games the series is based on. However, the show saw a scheduling shake-up after production shut down in March and resumed in August (one of its new actors, **"Game of Thrones"** star Kristofer Hivju, tested positive for the virus). Ramussen left the show due to rescheduling issues and was replaced by Swiss actor Basil Eidenbenz (inset above) in the role.

"Superstore"

In what might be the only instance of the pandemic causing an actor to change their schedule for the better, Star America Ferrera, who plays Amy, (left) was set to leave the NBC workplace sitcom at the end of Season 5, to spend more time with her family and pursue other opportunities. However, **"Superstore"** shut down with one episode to go, throwing a monkey wrench into Ferrera's plans. In order to give Amy a proper send-off, she's lingering longer than initially planned, staying an extra two episodes into Season 6 (Thursdays at 8 p.m.)

"The Voice"

In October 2019, it was announced that Gwen Stefani was leaving NBC's hit reality series to do a Las Vegas residency. Nick Jonas stepped in alongside Blake Shelton, John Legend and Kelly Clarkson in Season 18. Stefani's Vegas gig ended in May due to COVID and she's now returning to **"The Voice."**



LIZZY CAPRI WHAT I'M WATCHING

"I love rewatching my favorites like 'The Office,' 'New Girl' and 'Game of Thrones.' 'The Office' is so easy to watch, and 'New Girl' is very similar — the characters are so quirky but relatable." — Philanthropist Capri creates content for YouTube.



They've got super news

Colbie Minifie and Claudia Doumit (below, left and right) will be series regulars on Season 3 of **"The Boys."** Minifie plays put-upon Vought VP Ashley Barrett; Doumit a "supe" congresswoman.

What's on Tonight



MOVIE
The Wolf Man: 4:45 p.m. on TCM. Lon Chaney Jr. A nobleman's son survives an attack by a strange creature and becomes a wild and dangerous beast.



MOVIE
A Quiet Place: 8 p.m. on FX. Emily Blunt. A husband, his wife and their children communicate in sign language while they hide from mysterious creatures.



MOVIE
In Cold Blood: 9 p.m. on WNET 13. Robert Blake (above), Scott Wilson. Two drifters kill a Kansas farmer and his family. Based on a true story.

Saturday October 31, 2020

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm			
2 WCBS	2	2	2	College Football Live.	Entertainment Tonight		Manhunt: Deadly Games: A counterattack.		Manhunt: Deadly Games: Kathy meets Richard.		48 Hours: In-depth investigative reports.		CBS 2 News at 11PM	(11:35) Jetlife			
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	George to the Rescue	LX.TV: 1st Look (R)	Weakest Link: Strangers play a trivia game. (R)		Ellen's Game of Games: Jeff Foxworthy. (R)		Saturday Night Live: Sketch comedy.		News 4 New York at 11	Saturday Night Live			
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(4:00) College Football Live.	FOX Extra Live.		College Football: Oklahoma Sooners at Texas Tech Red Raiders from Jones AT&T Stadium. Live.						FOX 5 News at 10				
7 WABC	7	7	7	Scoreboard Live.	Scoreboard Live.	College Football: Ohio State Buckeyes at Penn State Nittany Lions from Beaver Stadium. Live.						Eyewitness News at 11: News of the day.					
9 WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) Extra	Central Ave.	Central Ave.	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The Listener: Toby pursues cop impersonators.		Giants Access Blue	Dateline			
11 WPIX	11	11	11	Right This Minute	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Barney Miller	The Jeffersons	All in the Family		The Honey-mooners		The Honey-mooners	The Honey-mooners			
13 WNET	13	13	13	GZero World	Professor T: Students flock in.		Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators		In Cold Blood (1967): Two delusional drifters brutally murder a Kansas family and run away to Mexico. R			(11:20) Beast (2018): World torn apart. R ★★★					
21 WLIW	21	21	21	Weekend	Metro	Firing Line	Midsomer	(8:46) Midsomer Murders		(9:32) Vera (R)		(11:02) Mystery of Agatha					
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Day's Work	Her B Idea	Build Ser	Jared Diamond's Third		To Be Announced: Info unavailable.		Day's Work		Profiles	GZero			
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				
41 WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	(6:55) Fútbol Liga MX: Puebla vs Atlas. Directo.						Fútbol Liga MX: Guadalajara vs UNAM. Directo.		Noticias 41	Noticiero			
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Pompeii (2014): Young gladiator searches for girl. Kit Harington. ★★						24 Hours to Live (2017) Ethan Hawke. R		Noticiero	Noticias			
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Paid	Man	Man	Mike	Mike	WLNY News at 9PM		Paid	Judge Judy	Entertainment Tonight				
A&E	46	46	181	First 48 (R)	The First 48: Lone clue.		The First 48 (R)		The First 48 (R)		The First 48 (R)		The First 48 (R)				
AMC	54	43	231	(6:00) Halloween: Resurrection (2002) R			Halloween H20: 20 Years Later (1998): Killer returns.			Eli Roth's History		Halloween (1978) R ★★★½					
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) When the Bough Breaks (2016): Woman's obsession. ★½						Tyler Perry's Acrimony (2018): Adultery enrages a faithful wife. Taraji P. Henson.							
BBCAM	71	101	189	The Hunt		The Hunt (R)		The Hunt (R)		The Hunt (R)		The Hunt (R)		The Hunt (R)			
BRAVO	18	44	185	Below Deck		(7:10) Shrek (2001): A princess' secret. Mike Myers.						(9:16) Shrek (2001): An ogre and a donkey escort a princess. ★★★★★		E.T. (1982)			
CNBC	15	24	102	Undr. Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss			
CNN	78	25	100	(5:00) Countdown to Election Day						Countdown to Election Day: Continued coverage.		Countdown to Election Day: The day's last news.					
COM	45	50	190	The Office		The Office		The Office		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park		
DIS	49	31	250	Jessie		Disney		Villains		BUNK'D (R)	BUNK'D (R)	Jessie	Disney Fam	Just Roll	Big City (R)		
DSC	66	27	120	Expedition		Expedition X (R)		Expedition X (R)		Expedition X (R)		Expedition X (R)		Expedition Unknown (R)			
E!	24	51	196	(5:45) Fifty Shades Freed (2018) R ★½						The Devil Wears Prada (2006): Fashion fascist. Meryl Streep. ★★★			The Devil Wears Prada (2006) ★★★				
ESPN	28	36	70	Scoreboard		College Football: Mississippi State Bulldogs at Alabama Crimson Tide. Live.						(10:15) College Football Live.					
ESPN2	29	35	74	Football Scoreboard Live.		College Football: Navy Midshipmen at SMU Mustangs. Live.						SportsCenter					
FBN	43	106	117	Respected		Lou Dobbs Tonight (R)		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified			
FNC	44	26	118	Fox Report		Life, Liberty & Levin		Watters' World		Justice		The Greg Gutfeld Show		Watters' World			
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners (R)		Diners (R)		Diners (R)		Diners & Dives (R)		Diners & Dives (R)		Diners & Dives (R)			
FREFRM	38	49	199	Addams		Addams Family Values (1993): Killer nanny hired. ★★★						(9:20) Hocus Pocus (1993): Witches return to Salem for revenge.			Ghostbust		
FS1	400	99	83	(3:30) TBA		College Football: San Jose State Spartans at New Mexico Lobos. Live.						College Football Live.					
FX	10	40	53	(5:30) Venom (2018): Alien powers. ★★★						A Quiet Place (2018): A family must live in silence.			The First Purge (2018): Crime experiment. R ★★				
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Crown for Christmas (2015) ★★★						One Royal Holiday (2020): A mother and son.			Christmas Under the Stars (2019) Jesse Metcalfe.				
HGTV	64	98	165	Windy City		Windy City Rehab (R)		Should I Stay or Go		Love It or List It (R)		Love It or List It (R)		Love It or List It (R)			
HIST	40	47	128	Haunted		Haunted History (R)		Haunted History (R)		(9:02) Haunted History (R)		(10:04) America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition					
ID	23	171	123	Butcher (R)		Butcher Baker (R)		Jeffrey Dahmer (R)		Jeffrey Dahmer (R)		Ted Bundy: Mind (R)		Ted Bundy: Mind (R)			
LIFE	62	45	140	A Crafty Christmas Romance (2020)						Candy Cane Christmas (2020): Christmas tradition.			Forever Christmas (2018): Love for Christmas.				
MeTV	33	33	3	Stooges		Flintstones Meet Rockula		Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man (1943) NR ★★½			Star Trek: Magical aliens.		Buck Rogers				
MSG	27	87	78	Coll. Ftbl		DraftKings Fantasy Hour		NY Giants First & 10		NY Giants		Giants (R)		DraftKings Fantasy Hour			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	DraftKings		NY Giants First & 10		Fight Sports World Class			Shogun Fights Taped.		Shogun Fights Taped.				
MSNBC	14	23	103	American		American Voices with		The Week with		The Week with		American Voices with (R)		The Week with (R)			
MTV	20	53	210	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 1 (2011) ★★						The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 2 (2012): A daughter. ★★½			(11:10) Twilight (2008) ★★				
NATGEO	65	162	121	Drugs Inc.		Drugs Inc. (R)		Drugs Inc.: The Fix (R)		Drugs Inc.: The Fix		Drugs Inc.: The Fix (R)		Drugs Inc.: The Fix (R)			
NICK	6	121	252	Loud House		Loud House		Loud House		Unfiltered	Group Chat	Substitute	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends		
OWN	173	180	145	Iyanla Fix		Ready to Love (R)		Ready to Love (R)		Iyanla Fix My Life: Reality television personality.						Put A Ring On It (R)	
PARMT	36	56	54	Grown Ups		Clue (1985): Blackmail victims solve murder mystery.						The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975): Scientist makes man. R ★★★			Clue (1985)		
SNY	26	60	77	(5:00) Mets Classics: 6 Run Rally						Broadway Boxing			Jets Game		Yeah ...		
SYFY	17	48	180	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004) ★★★½						Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005): A boy mage enters a deadly tournament. ★★½							
TBS	8	39	52	Godzilla		Rampage (2018): Huge animals attack. PG-13 ★★½		Bang		Bang		Bang		Bang			
TCM	82	41	230	(6:00) The Haunting (1963) Julie Harris.						Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying						Them! (1954): Ants mutate into man-eating giants.	
TLC	52	28	139	Dr. Pimple		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)			
TNT	3	37	51	(6:00) The Nun (2018): Evil abbey. R ★★½						The Meg (2018): Prehistoric monster attacks ocean. PG-13 ★★½			The Meg (2018): Prehistoric monster.				
TVLAND	85	34	241	Men		Men		(7:35) Men		(8:10) Men		(8:45) Men		(9:20) Two and Half Men			
USA	16	38	50	Maleficent (2014): Witch takes drastic action. PG ★★★						Boo 2!: A Madea Halloween (2017) Tyler Perry. ★		(10:35) Boo! A Madea Halloween (2016)					
VH1	19	52	217	ATL (2006): Four friends leave high school. T.I., Evan Ross. ★★						Drumline (2002): Harlem street drummer in marching band. ★★½						Romeo Die	
WE	59	42	149	Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			
YES	53	89	76	Yankees		College Football: Charlotte 49ers at Duke Blue Devils from Wallace Wade Stadium. Live.						Yankees		The Beginning of the			
EPIX	595	395	(6:35) Paranormal Activity 3 (2011) R ★★½		Crawl (2019): A massive hurricane. R			The Cabin in the Woods (2012) R ★★★			(11:05) Overlord (2018) R						
HBO	511	301	400	(6:00) Us (2019): Look-alikes terror. ★★½			Black Christmas (2019) Imogen Poots. ★			(9:35) The Undoing (R)		The Shop		How To (R)			
MAX	531	371	420	The Last Exorcism (2010) PG-13 ★★½			The Watch (2012): Alien invasion. R ★★½			(9:46) Firestarter (1984): Girl thinks fire. R ★★		Apparition					
SHO	551	321	365	(6:15) American Selfie: One (2020)			The Comey Rule: Controversial cases.			(9:35) The Comey Rule: Collision course. (R)			Good Lord				

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